

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 175

Honoring Penn State football coach Joe Paterno.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 1, 2001

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring Penn State football coach Joe Paterno.

Whereas Joe Paterno has served Penn State University as a coach for 52 years, a tenure spanning the administrations of 11 United States Presidents;

Whereas Joe Paterno has served as Penn State's 14th head coach for nearly 36 years, since February 19, 1966;

Whereas Joe Paterno has been on the coaching staff for more than half of the football games played by the Nittany Lions since the program began in 1887;

Whereas Joe Paterno always has placed a very strong emphasis on academic achievement and character building, as evidenced by the selection of 21 first-team Academic All-Americans, 14 Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, and 17 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners so far during his tenure;

Whereas Joe Paterno's most recent NCAA 4-year player graduation rate of 76 percent far exceeds the NCAA-wide average of 48 percent for the same period;

Whereas Joe Paterno and his wife, Sue, have personally donated over \$4,000,000 to Penn State's student library and academic programs;

Whereas Joe Paterno has led Penn State teams to 5 undefeated seasons;

Whereas Joe Paterno has led Penn State teams to 20 bowl game victories in his career as head coach, more than any other coach in college football history;

Whereas Joe Paterno was the first college football coach to win all of the 4 major New Year's Day bowl games: the Rose, Sugar, Cotton, and Orange Bowls;

Whereas Joe Paterno led 2 teams to National Championship titles, in 1982 and 1986;

Whereas Joe Paterno's coaching efforts have yielded over 250 National Football League players;

Whereas Joe Paterno has been chosen an unprecedented 4 times as American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year; and

Whereas Joe Paterno, on October 27, 2001, broke the long-standing record for NCAA Division I-A victories, reaching the 324-victory mark, by leading his team to a 29-27 win over Ohio State: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. CONGRATULATION AND COMMENDATION.**

3 The Senate recognizes and honors Joe Paterno—

1 (1) for his lifetime emphasis on academic
2 achievement;

3 (2) for his constant integrity, professionalism,
4 and strong focus on character building for amateur
5 athletes;

6 (3) for the example he sets through philan-
7 thropic support for academic programs; and

8 (4) for becoming the first NCAA Division I–A
9 football coach to achieve 324 career victories, on Oc-
10 tober 27, 2001.

11 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.**

12 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an en-
13 rolled copy of this resolution to—

14 (1) Penn State Football Head Coach Joe
15 Paterno; and

16 (2) Penn State University President Graham
17 Spanier.

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