

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 14

Commending the Ohio State University Buckeyes football team for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I–A collegiate national football championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 7, 2003

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

RESOLUTION

Commending the Ohio State University Buckeyes football team for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I–A collegiate national football championship.

Whereas in 2002, the Ohio State University claimed its fifth undisputed Division I–A collegiate national football championship;

Whereas Ohio State captured its 29th Big Ten Conference championship;

Whereas Ohio State finished the season with a perfect 14–0 record, its first unbeaten season since 1968;

Whereas on the way to the national championship, Ohio State defeated 5 ranked opponents, including a 14–9 triumph over the University of Michigan;

Whereas Ohio State is the first Big Ten team to qualify for and win the Bowl Championship Series national championship game;

Whereas seniors strong safety Mike Doss, middle linebacker Matt Wilhelm, and punter Andy Groom, along with sophomore placekicker Mike Nugent, have been named first-team All-Americans;

Whereas Jim Tressel has lead Ohio State to a national championship in just his second year as head coach at Ohio State and has been recognized for his accomplishments as a finalist for the 2002 Football Writers' Association of America (FWAA)/Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award; and

Whereas the Ohio State University community, including the Ohio State University Athletic Department, the Ohio State University Marching Band, and the Ohio State cheerleaders, as well as the students, administration, board of trustees, faculty, and alumni, the city of Columbus, and the entire State of Ohio, are to be congratulated for their continuous support of the Ohio State University football team: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the Ohio State University Buck-
3 eyes football team for winning the 2002 NCAA Divi-
4 sion I–A collegiate football national championship;

5 (2) recognizes the achievements of all the play-
6 ers, coaches, and support staff who were instru-
7 mental in helping the Ohio State University win the
8 2002 NCAA Division I–A collegiate football national

1 championship and invites them to the United States
2 Capitol Building to be honored;

3 (3) requests that the President recognize the
4 accomplishments and achievements of the 2002 Ohio
5 State University football team and invite them to
6 Washington, D.C. for a White House ceremony for
7 national championship teams; and

8 (4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make
9 available enrolled copies of this resolution to the
10 Ohio State University for appropriate display and to
11 transmit an enrolled copy of the resolution to each
12 coach and member of the 2002 NCAA Division I–
13 A collegiate national championship football team.

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