

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 653

Celebrating the outstanding athletic accomplishments of The Ohio State University football team for achieving its 800th all-time victory.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 22 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the outstanding athletic accomplishments of The Ohio State University football team for achieving its 800th all-time victory.

Whereas, on September 6, 2008, The Ohio State University football team, known as the “Buckeyes,” achieved its 800th win, becoming the 5th major college football program to reach this mark;

Whereas the Buckeyes have an all-time record of 800 wins, 304 losses, and 53 ties in their 119 seasons;

Whereas, in 1890, the Buckeyes played their first game, and since have become a symbol of pride and tradition for the past and present members of The Ohio State University community;

Whereas The Ohio State University has the largest self-supporting athletics program in the country;

Whereas The Ohio State University continues to strive for academic excellence in sports, ranking first in the Big Ten Academic All-Conference Team for the 2007–08 academic year;

Whereas, there are 1,877 Buckeye All-Americans in the history of the program;

Whereas the Ohio State athletic program strives to improve the academic quality of The Ohio State University by donating key funding to renovate Ohio State’s academic facilities, including the recent donation to the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library;

Whereas Ohio State strives for diversity at all levels and was commended nationally in 2007–08 for its National Collegiate Athletic Association academic progress rate, Overall Excellence in Diversity, and for ranking 2nd in the Degree Completion Program;

Whereas each year Ohio State student-athletes and coaches are involved in thousands of hours of community service;

Whereas each player, coach, and contributor to the team remained committed to ensuring that the Buckeyes achieved this historic accomplishment; and

Whereas all supporters of The Ohio State University are to be praised for their dedication to, and pride in, The Ohio State University football program: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates The Ohio State University
3 football team for achieving 800 victories in its 119-
4 year-history;

1 (2) recognizes The Ohio State University ath-
2 letic program for its accomplishments in both sports
3 and academics; and

4 (3) requests the Secretary of the Senate to pre-
5 pare an official copy of this resolution for presen-
6 tation to—

7 (A) The Ohio State University for appro-
8 priate display;

9 (B) the President of The Ohio State Uni-
10 versity, Dr. E. Gordon Gee; and

11 (C) the head coach of The Ohio State Uni-
12 versity football team, Mr. Jim Tressel.

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