

H. Res. 10

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

January 8, 2003.

Whereas in 2002, the Ohio State University Buckeyes football team captured its fifth undisputed collegiate national football championship;

Whereas The Ohio State University is a member of the Big Ten Conference of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I–A and in 2002 was the Conference’s champion for the 29th time in school history;

Whereas The Ohio State University’s 14–0 record in 2002 is the best for a season for a Division I–A football team in national college football history;

Whereas on the way to the national championship Ohio State defeated five nationally ranked opponents, which included a 14–9 triumph over the University of Michigan;

Whereas The Ohio State University entered the Fiesta Bowl as an 11-point underdog to a University of Miami team that was on a 34-game winning streak, yet emerged victorious;

Whereas Head Coach Jim Tressel has won five national college football championships, the 2002 championship being his first Division I–A title and his first with The Ohio State University;

Whereas Coach Tressel and his father Lee Tressel are the only father-son combination to each win National Coach of the Year honors and a national championship in football;

Whereas each player, coach, trainer, and manager dedicated their time and effort to ensuring that the Buckeyes reached the pinnacle of team achievement;

Whereas The Ohio State University Marching Band, and the cheerleaders, students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of The Ohio State University are to be congratulated for their commitment and pride in the Buckeyes' football program; and

Whereas its five Division I–A football national championships makes the Ohio State University football program among the most successful in college football history: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Ohio State University football team for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I–A collegiate football national championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping The Ohio State University win the 2002 NCAA Division I–A collegiate football national championship and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored;

(3) requests that the President recognize the accomplishments and achievements of the 2002 Ohio State

University football team and invite them to Washington, D.C., for a White House ceremony for national championship teams; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to The Ohio State University for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of the resolution to each coach and member of the 2002 NCAA Division I–A collegiate football national championship team.

Attest:

Clerk.