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H. RES. 460

Congratulating The Ohio State University and the University of Michigan on the 100th football game between the two teams and recognizing their rivalry as the greatest sports rivalry in history.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (for herself, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. NEY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. UPTON, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. FORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Congratulating The Ohio State University and the University of Michigan on the 100th football game between the two teams and recognizing their rivalry as the greatest sports rivalry in history.

Whereas The Ohio State University and the University of Michigan began their football rivalry in 1897 when the Michigan Wolverines defeated the Ohio State Buckeyes by a score of 34 to 0 in Ann Arbor, Michigan;

Whereas Michigan dominated the series from 1897 to 1912, compiling a record of twelve wins, no losses, and two ties against Ohio State in non-conference matchups;

Whereas in 1918, Michigan defeated Ohio State in the first conference game between the two teams, bringing the fledgling rivalry to what eventually became the Big Ten Conference;

Whereas in 1919, Ohio State defeated Michigan for the first time by a score of 13 to 3, earning the initial of three consecutive victories that allowed the Buckeyes to overcome the Wolverines' dominance in the series;

Whereas Michigan won the next five games before Ohio State finished the 1920's with two consecutive victories, bringing the conference rivalry to a record of seven to five in favor of Michigan;

Whereas from 1930 to 1933, Michigan won three of four games against Ohio State enroute to claiming four conference titles and two national championships;

Whereas Ohio State was victorious in the next four games, shutting out Michigan each time and scoring 112 points;

Whereas Michigan opened the 1950's with an upset victory in the "Snow Bowl" by defeating new Ohio State Head Coach Woody Hayes in his first game against Michigan;

Whereas over the next 18 years, Woody Hayes led Ohio State to a record of twelve wins and six losses against Michigan, turning the tide of the rivalry strongly in favor of the Buckeyes;

Whereas in 1969, former Ohio State assistant and new Michigan Head Coach Bo Schembechler led the Wolverines to an upset victory over his old boss Woody Hayes,

defeating the previously unbeaten and number one ranked Buckeyes by a score of 24 to 12;

Whereas four times in the next six years both Ohio State and Michigan entered the rivalry game ranked among the top five college football teams in the country;

Whereas from 1970 to 1975, the Buckeyes prevailed over the Wolverines four times, defeating an unbeaten Michigan team in each game;

Whereas in 1978 the battle between Coach Hayes and Coach Schembechler known as the “10-Year War” ended with a Michigan victory, giving Coach Schembechler a record of five wins, four losses, and one tie against his former coach and mentor;

Whereas in the next nine years Ohio State Head Coach Earl Bruce posted a record of five wins and four losses against Schembechler’s Wolverines, completing a 20 year stretch where neither team won three games in a row;

Whereas from 1988 to 2000, Michigan reigned supreme in the rivalry by posting a record of ten wins, two losses, and one tie over archrival Ohio State, spoiling undefeated Buckeye seasons in 1993, 1995, and 1996;

Whereas in 2001 and 2002, new Head Coach Jim Tressel revived the Buckeye program by becoming only the second Ohio State coach in history to begin his career with two wins and no losses against Michigan;

Whereas since 1935 the Ohio State versus Michigan game has traditionally been the final game of the regular season for both teams;

Whereas since the tradition began, Ohio State and Michigan have decided the Big Ten Conference Championship amongst themselves 19 times and the outcome of the

game has affected the determination of the conference champion an additional 21 times;

Whereas together the Ohio State and Michigan football programs have 9 Heisman Trophy winners, 18 National Championships, 69 Big Ten titles, and more than 1,500 victories;

Whereas the ESPN television network has rated the Ohio State versus Michigan football matchup as the greatest sports rivalry in history;

Whereas the Ohio State versus Michigan rivalry has grown beyond football and bragging rights and now contributes greatly to charitable causes including an annual blood donation battle to benefit the Red Cross and food collection for food banks; and

Whereas on November 22, 2003, the Ohio State Buckeyes will visit the Michigan Wolverines at Michigan Stadium in the 100th meeting between the two football teams: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) congratulates The Ohio State University
- 3 Buckeyes and the University of Michigan Wolverines
- 4 on the 100th football game of their rivalry; and
- 5 (2) recognizes The Ohio State University Buck-
- 6 eyes and the University of Michigan Wolverines foot-
- 7 ball game as the greatest sports rivalry in history.

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