

109TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 329

Congratulating Coach Bill Snyder for his achievements during 17 years as the head football coach of the Kansas State University Wildcats.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2005

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

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating Coach Bill Snyder for his achievements during 17 years as the head football coach of the Kansas State University Wildcats.

Whereas, on November 30, 1998, Bill Snyder was named as the 32nd football coach at Kansas State University;

Whereas upon his hiring, Kansas State had experienced years of unsuccessful seasons and in the 52 years prior to his hiring, the Kansas State University football team had a combined record of only 134 wins;

Whereas Bill Snyder directed and orchestrated a football program success and turnaround that is now considered by many to be the greatest in the history of collegiate athletics;

Whereas Bill Snyder coached the Kansas State Wildcats to 11 consecutive postseason bowl appearances;

Whereas the teams coached by Bill Snyder became the second program in college football history to win 11 games, 6 times in a 7 year time span;

Whereas the teams coached by Bill Snyder won the Big 12 North Division title on 4 occasions and appeared in 3 Big 12 Championship games;

Whereas the 2003 team coached by Bill Snyder was crowned the Big 12 Champion;

Whereas Bill Snyder coached 42 National Football League draft picks, 45 All-America selections, and 68 first team all-conference honorees at Kansas State University;

Whereas Bill Snyder was named National Coach of the year in 1991, 1994, and 1998;

Whereas Bill Snyder was named the Bear Bryant and Football Writers Association of America National Coach of the year in 1998;

Whereas in the best sense of collegiate athletics, Bill Snyder has been a mentor and, through his own actions, taught leadership and personal responsibility to young men;

Whereas Bill Snyder has changed the course of history at Kansas State University, including contributing to an increased enrollment from 18,120 at his hiring in 1988 to nearly 24,000 in 2005;

Whereas Bill Snyder and his family have given of themselves and contributed numerous hours and resources to charitable causes throughout the State of Kansas to the betterment of numerous individuals and the State as a whole;

Whereas Bill Snyder has instilled a new sense of pride in the State for all current and native Kansans;

Whereas Bill Snyder currently ranks as the most successful coach in Kansas State University history with 135 wins;

Whereas the Kansas State Board of Regents has recognized the contributions of Coach Bill Snyder and his family to the State of Kansas and Kansas State University by renaming the football stadium “Bill Snyder Family Football Stadium”; and

Whereas the contributions of Bill Snyder to Kansas State University, the State of Kansas, and countless young adults are worthy of honor and recognition: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) congratulates Coach Bill Snyder and his  
3       family upon his planned retirement on November 19,  
4       2005, as the most successful coach in Kansas State  
5       University history with a current record of 135 wins;

6               (2) commends Coach Bill Snyder for his men-  
7       toring and teaching of leadership and values to  
8       young men;

9               (3) commends Coach Bill Snyder and his family  
10      for their selfless support of Kansas State University  
11      and their charitable activities throughout the State  
12      of Kansas, while displaying the heartland values of  
13      honesty, integrity, and humility; and

1           (4) respectfully directs the Enrolling Clerk of  
2           the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this reso-  
3           lution to—

4                       (A) Bill Snyder and his family; and

5                       (B) Kansas State University President Jon  
6           Wefald.

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