

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 678

Congratulating the Penn State Nittany Lions for their 400th win under head football coach Joe Paterno.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 17, 2010

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

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Penn State Nittany Lions for their 400th win under head football coach Joe Paterno.

Whereas The Pennsylvania State University (referred to in this resolution as “Penn State”) reached this milestone of 400 wins under Joe Paterno on November 6, 2010;

Whereas the Penn State Nittany Lions football team has been coached by Joe Paterno for 60 years starting in 1950 when Joe Paterno was an assistant coach;

Whereas, in 2009, the graduation rate of Penn State players under Joe Paterno was 89 percent, and the graduation success rate was 85 percent, the highest rates among all football teams in the final 2009 Associated Press Top 25 poll;

Whereas Penn State's football team has more wins under a single head coach than any other head coach in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 1A Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) history;

Whereas Penn State is 1 of just 7 football teams with a history of more than 800 wins, and Joe Paterno has been active with the program for 691 of those games over 60 seasons, with an amazing record of 504 wins, 180 losses, and 7 ties (73.6 percent);

Whereas among Penn State's accolades under Joe Paterno's 45 years as head coach are 2 national championships, 7 undefeated seasons, 23 finished in the top 10 rankings, and 3 Big Ten conference championships since joining the NCAA Division 1A FBS conference in 1993;

Whereas Penn State has 24 bowl game wins and 36 bowl game appearances under Coach Joe Paterno, both of which are the most of any school under 1 football coach; and

Whereas the continued dedication to the players and emphasis on academic integrity and education of Penn State football under Joe Paterno has in Penn State fostering 15 Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, 34 first-team All-Americans, 44 overall Academic All-Americans, and 18 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Penn State football team
3 for their unparalleled success resulting in 400 wins
4 under head coach Joe Paterno; and

1 (2) commends the Penn State football program
2 under head coach Joe Paterno for setting an exam-
3 ple of honor, success, integrity, and respect for thou-
4 sands of players, coaches, students, and fans
5 throughout the Nation.

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