

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 558

Congratulating the University of Missouri Tigers for winning the 2023 Cotton Bowl Classic.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2024

Mr. SCHMITT (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of Missouri Tigers for winning the 2023 Cotton Bowl Classic.

Whereas, on December 29, 2023, the University of Missouri Tigers football team (referred to in this preamble as the “Tigers”) defeated the nationally ranked Ohio State University Buckeyes, 14 to 3, to win the 2023 Cotton Bowl Classic (referred to in this preamble as the “Cotton Bowl”);

Whereas the victory in the Cotton Bowl is a testament to the skill, dedication, and hard work of the Tigers;

Whereas the Tigers demonstrated teamwork and sportsmanship during the Cotton Bowl and throughout the 2023 season;

Whereas, during the 2023 season, the Tigers achieved a record of 11 wins and 2 losses;

Whereas the Tigers attained a final ranking of 8th in the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as “NCAA”) Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (referred to in this preamble as “FBS”) football season;

Whereas the coaching staff, led by the head coach of the Tigers, Eliah Drinkwitz, provided leadership and strategy, contributing to the victories throughout the season and Eliah Drinkwitz being awarded the 2023 Southeastern Conference (referred to in this preamble as “SEC”) Football Coach of the Year;

Whereas Brady Cook, named the Offensive Most Valuable Player for the Cotton Bowl, and Johnny Walker Jr., named the Defensive Most Valuable Player for the Cotton Bowl, were acknowledged for their outstanding performances during the Cotton Bowl;

Whereas several players on the Tigers received recognition during the 2023 season, including—

(1) Cody Schrader, who earned the 2023 Burlsworth Trophy, which is awarded annually to the most outstanding college football player at the FBS level who began their college career as a walk-on;

(2) 7 players earning 1st or 2nd Team All-SEC honors;

(3) 2 players earning Walter Camp All-America honors; and

(4) 4 players earning Associated Press All-America honors; and

Whereas fans of the Tigers demonstrated passion and dedication in supporting their team throughout the 2023 NCAA Division I FBS football season: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the University of Missouri Tigers
3 football team (referred to in this resolution as the
4 “Tigers”) on winning the 2023 Cotton Bowl Classic;

5 (2) recognizes the achievements, contributions,
6 and dedication of the players, coaches, management,
7 and support staff of the Tigers;

8 (3) congratulates the alumni, students, and faculty of the University of Missouri; and

10 (4) respectfully directs the Secretary of the
11 Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—
12 tion to—

13 (A) the chancellor of the University of Missouri,
14 Mun Choi;

15 (B) the director of athletics of the University of Missouri,
16 Desiree Reed-Francois; and

17 (C) the head coach of the Tigers, Eliah
18 Drinkwitz.

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