

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 546

Senators Hughes, Bacon, Tavares

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Gene Smith as the 2016 Sports Business Journal
Athletic Director of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Gene Smith on being
named the 2016 Athletic Director of the Year by the *Sports
Business Journal*; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious distinction is a fitting tribute to
Gene Smith for the exemplary efforts he has displayed as director
of athletics at The Ohio State University since 2005. He also
serves as senior vice president and Wolfe Foundation endowed
athletics director at OSU, and he has received such accolades as
the 2016 James J. Corbett Memorial Award from the National
Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Gene Smith is a remarkable individual, for he has
combined civic concern and dedication with the utmost
professionalism to become a dynamic leader in his field. Through
his admirable devotion to service and achievement, he has
distinguished himself as a conscientious and hard-working Ohioan,
and he is truly deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Willingly giving of his time, energy, and abilities
far beyond what was required or expected, Gene Smith has striven
to better the world around him, and he has earned the respect and
esteem of colleagues, students, and the community alike. We are
certain that in the years to come, he will continue to demonstrate
the same unwavering commitment to excellence for which he has
become known; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend

Gene Smith on his recent accolade and salute him as one of Ohio's 27
finest citizens; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 29
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Gene Smith. 30