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Senators Bacon, Jordan, Kunze, Tavares

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Thad Michael Matta on his retirement.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Thad Michael Matta on the occasion of his retirement after thirteen years as head coach of The Ohio State University men's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Thad Matta is, indeed, deserving of high praise, for in thirteen years of coaching men's basketball at The Ohio State University, he has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and dedication in leading his teams to 337 victories, nine Big Ten Conference titles, and nine berths at the NCAA tournament. Indeed, he has brought to OSU a wealth of experience gained as the head coach at Butler University and Xavier University, and he has not only encouraged each player to develop his talents to the fullest but has also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, camaraderie, and school spirit. Due largely to his tireless efforts, the Buckeyes have emerged as winners, both in and out of athletic competition, and we applaud him on his tremendous work; and

WHEREAS, Thad Matta's exceptional record of personal and professional achievement stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation, and he has inspired countless individuals to excel in numerous areas of endeavor. His accomplishments and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on him but also on his family, his players, his university, and his community, and he has earned the respect and admiration of all who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance over the years; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role in the total education of future leaders, we are extremely

pleased to pay tribute to Coach Matta, for his tireless efforts 29
have inspired the OSU players to strive for nothing short of 30
success. His positive example and regimented discipline have 31
brought pride and unparalleled sportsmanship to the basketball 32
program, and his legacy of success is commendable; therefore be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 34
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 35
congratulate Thad Michael Matta on his retirement and salute him 36
as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 38
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Thad Michael Matta. 39