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A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring Brutus Buckeye on its Fiftieth
Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Brutus Buckeye on the mascot's Fiftieth Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, students Ray Bourhis and Sally Huber came up with the idea for a mascot for The Ohio State University, designing a large smiling buckeye nut with human legs. Constructed by students out of papier-mâché, the first version made its debut at the OSU/Minnesota football game on October 30, but due to its weight, it was replaced by a lighter fiberglass model two weeks later, and after a campus-wide contest, it was officially named Brutus Buckeye on November 18 of that year; and

WHEREAS, First falling under the auspices of the Block O student spirit organization, responsibility for Brutus Buckeye was transferred to the OSU cheerleading program in 1975 with a member serving as the mascot, but in 1981, the role became a separate addition to the squad with its own tryout. Over the years, the appearance of Brutus has changed periodically,

including a short-lived model of a small head with a squinting eye and vicious sneer on a human body, and the current version of the friendly nut-shaped head on a human body with a striped shirt and scarlet pants started in 1981, with subsequent updates to reshape the head and add muscular shoulder pads. The university trademarked Brutus in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Besides Ohio State sporting events, Brutus Buckeye makes appearances at other university activities to generate excitement and school spirit, and the mascot often takes part in various public and community service events around Columbus and Central Ohio. In addition, Brutus was selected as a finalist in the Capital One Mascot Challenge in 2003, winning the popular vote by fans, and it was inducted into the Mascot Hall of Fame in 2007; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Brutus Buckeye on its Fiftieth Anniversary and salute it as one of the nation's most endearing mascots; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to The Ohio State University and to the news media of Ohio.