

**As Introduced**

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**S. R. No. 430**

**Senators Kunze, Bacon, Balderson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Katie Smith on her induction into the 2018  
Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Katie Smith on being 2  
inducted into the 2018 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame; and 3

WHEREAS, This prestigious distinction is, indeed, a fitting 4  
tribute to Katie Smith for her numerous contributions to the sport 5  
of women's basketball. A standout at The Ohio State University 6  
from 1992 to 1996, she scored 2,578 points in 124 games, set 7  
program records with 708 career free throws made and 845 career 8  
free throws attempted, and led the 1992-1993 squad to the Final 9  
Four for the first and only time in school history. She went on to 10  
play professionally in the American Basketball League and Women's 11  
National Basketball Association for a combined seventeen years, 12  
helping the Detroit Shock win WNBA championships in 2006 and 2008, 13  
and she won Olympic gold medals as part of Team USA in 2000, 2004, 14  
and 2008. After her retirement as a player, she became an 15  
assistant coach for the New York Liberty in 2014, holding that 16  
post until she was named the franchise's head coach in 2017; and 17

WHEREAS, Katie Smith is a remarkable individual, for she 18  
combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of 19  
good sportsmanship to become a truly exceptional athlete and 20  
coach. The Ohio State Buckeyes retired her number 30 jersey in 21  
2001, and she is certainly deserving of high praise; and 22

WHEREAS, Katie Smith's exemplary record of personal and 23  
professional success stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation, and 24  
she has inspired countless people to excel in numerous areas of 25  
endeavor. The respect and admiration she has earned throughout her 26

lifetime are clearly evident, and her accomplishments and 27  
leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an outstanding 28  
reflection not only on her but also on her family, on her teams, 29  
and on her hometown of Logan; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 31  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend 32  
Katie Smith on this special accolade and salute her as a fine 33  
citizen; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Katie Smith. 36