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**Senator O'Brien**

**Cosponsors: Senators Blessing, Thomas, Wilson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the University of Cincinnati football team on  
winning the 2021 American Athletic Conference  
Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to honor the University of Cincinnati football team as the 2021 American Athletic Conference Champion; and

WHEREAS, The talented members of the University of Cincinnati football team are to be heartily commended, for by defeating the University of Houston Cougars by the score of 35-20, they decisively earned the 2021 American Athletic Conference Championship crown to move to 13-0 and become the first AAC team to qualify for the College Football Playoff semifinals. Without exception, they had prepared conscientiously in pursuit of the AAC title, devoting countless hours to training and practice in order to ensure peak conditioning, and clearly, this demanding regimen has paid handsome dividends; and

WHEREAS, To his credit, Coach Luke Fickell has guided the team with unwavering expertise and leadership, and time and again, he has encouraged his players to rise to the occasion and overcome even the most insurmountable of obstacles. Indeed, his skill as a mentor is reflected in the outstanding success of his team, and he merits enthusiastic praise for coaxing admirable performances out of the Bearcats in each competitive outing; and

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing over a host of adversaries, the Bearcats have learned much about dedication, self-discipline and perseverance. Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have consistently maintained their composure and morale,

exhibiting strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every challenging 24  
encounter, and their first-place finish is a measure of their stalwart 25  
commitment to the sport. Clearly, their indomitable spirit has made 26  
their families, friends, and coach very proud; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 28  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the University 29  
of Cincinnati football team for its brilliant season and wish its 30  
members continued success in all of their future endeavors; and be it 31  
further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the University of Cincinnati 34  
football team. 35