

As Introduced

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Senator O'Brien

Cosponsors: Senators Blessing, Thomas, Wilson



A RESOLUTION

Honoring Luke Joseph Fickell as one of the top collegiate
football coaches for 2021.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Luke Joseph Fickell on receiving
seven coach of the year awards for the 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, As the head football coach at the University of
Cincinnati, Luke Fickell has demonstrated remarkable integrity and
dedication. Throughout the 2021 season, he not only encouraged his
players to develop their talents to the fullest but also instilled in
each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, camaraderie, and
spirit, and as a result, he led the Bearcats to compile an undefeated
regular season, best a tough University of Houston team by the score
of 35-20 to win the 2021 American Athletic Conference Championship
title, qualify for the College Football Playoff semifinals in the
Cotton Bowl, and finish with an impressive 13-1 record; and

WHEREAS, The expertise, guidance, and sound judgment of coaches
such as Luke Fickell are critical to the ultimate success of any
athletic endeavor. Due largely to his tireless efforts, the Bearcats
have emerged as winners, both in and out of athletic competition, and
for his fantastic work, he received the American Heart Association
Paul "Bear" Bryant, American Athletic Conference, Home Depot, *Sporting
News* College Football, Bobby Dodd, Football Writers Association Eddie
Robinson, and American Football Coaches Association coach of the year
awards; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role
in the total education of our young people, we are pleased to pay

tribute to Luke Fickell for a job well done. His outstanding rapport 25
with his players, as well as with his fellow coaches, has been a vital 26
factor in the Bearcats' accomplishments, and he is certainly deserving 27
of high praise; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 29
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Luke Joseph 30
Fickell on his numerous 2021 accolades and extend best wishes for the 31
future; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Luke Joseph Fickell. 34