

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 98**

**Senator Romanchuk**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Kari Pickens as the 2023 WBCA NCAA Division II  
National Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly  
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Kari Pickens on being named the  
2023 WBCA NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, As the women's basketball coach at Ashland University,  
Kari Pickens has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and  
dedication in leading her teams to victory. Under her capable  
guidance, the Eagles capped an undefeated season with the NCAA  
Division II National Championship title. With this win, she has earned  
the prestigious distinction of being the first woman to win a Division  
II national championship as a player, as an assistant coach, and as a  
head coach, and she is certainly deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the season, Kari Pickens not only has  
encouraged her players to develop their talents to the fullest, but  
she has also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination,  
perseverance, camaraderie, and school spirit. Due largely to her  
tireless efforts, the Eagles have emerged as winners, both in and out  
of athletic competition, and she has earned the genuine respect and  
admiration of many; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role  
in the total education of our young people, we are overjoyed to pay  
tribute to Coach Pickens and her fine players for a job well done. The  
numerous lessons she has imparted to her team members will greatly aid  
them in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Kari Pickens as

the 2023 WBCA NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year and extend 26  
best wishes for continued success; and be it further 27

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 28  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Kari Pickens. 29