

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 102

Senators Roegner, Weinstein

A RESOLUTION

Honoring John Groce on receiving the 2025 Hugh Durham
National Coach of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly
of Ohio are pleased to commend John Groce as the 2025 Hugh Durham
National Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, John Groce is truly worthy of recognition, for as the
head coach of The University of Akron men's basketball team, he has
completed an array of challenging duties with genuine distinction,
proving himself to be a tireless champion of athletic excellence. This
season, he guided his squad to a program best 28-7 record, including
17-1 in Mid-American Conference play, the MAC Tournament championship
for a second consecutive year, and the program's seventh appearance in
the NCAA Tournament. Truly, he has inspired trust and confidence by
motivating students and coaches alike to set ambitious goals and high
standards for themselves; and

WHEREAS, This notable accomplishment is a justifiable source of
pride and an excellent reflection on John Groce but also on his
family, his players, his school, and his community. Without question,
he has been one of The University of Akron's most precious assets, and
his exceptional record of personal and professional achievement stands
as a hallmark worthy of emulation; 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 Groce and his fine players for a job well done. The
maturity and experience the team members have gained under his
mentorship will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the
future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 26
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute to John 27
Groce as the 2025 Hugh Durham National Coach of the Year and offer 28
best wishes for continued success; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 30
authenticated copy of this Resolution to John Groce. 31