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H. R. No. 174

Representatives Kelly, Abrams, Brinkman, Denson, Ingram, Miranda, Seitz

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the University of Cincinnati football team as the
2021 American Athletic Conference Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th 1
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the University of 2
Cincinnati football team on winning the 2021 American Athletic 3
Conference Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the 5
University of Cincinnati football team have combined talent and 6
competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to 7
establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With admirable 8
dedication, the Bearcats have worked diligently toward attaining 9
ultimate proficiency in football, and as a result, they compiled an 10
undefeated regular season, went undefeated in conference play, bested 11
a tough University of Houston team by the score of 35-20 to win the 12
2021 American Athletic Conference Championship title, qualified for 13
the College Football Playoff semifinals in the Cotton Bowl, and 14
finished the season with an impressive 13-1 record. In addition, 15
defensive back Ahmad Gardner was named a Consensus All-American, 16
becoming only the third UC player to be selected for this honor; and 17

WHEREAS, The Bearcats' achievements and leadership are a 18
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the 19
players, their families, their school, their community, and their 20
coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the 21
ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, and 22
in leading their team to victory, Coach Luke Fickell and his 23
assistants have not only helped their athletes to develop their 24
talents to the fullest but also instilled in them a valuable sense of 25
determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and 26

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 27
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased 28
to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding 29
coaches for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team 30
members have gained through their participation in football will 31
greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be 32
it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 34
the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 35
commend the University of Cincinnati football team on its tremendous 36
2021 season and salute the players and coaches as fine citizens; and 37
be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 39
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the University of 40
Cincinnati football team. 41