

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY (51).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to coaching achievements of Gary Pinkel.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

WHEREAS, Gary Pinkel was born in Akron, Ohio; and

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WHEREAS, he played football at Kent State University, achieving the honor of being
3 named team captain and being named as a two-time, all-conference tight end; and

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WHEREAS, after beginning his head coaching career at Toledo University in 1991,
5 he won 65.9 percent of the games he coached and achieved a record of 73-37-3, the most wins
6 in school history; and

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WHEREAS, his nine winning seasons out of ten seasons coached at Toledo
8 University included one conference championship, three division titles, and a Vegas Bowl
9 win, and he was twice named Coach of the Year of the Mid-American Conference; and

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WHEREAS, in 2001, he became the head coach at the University of Missouri, which
11 had fielded a football program with only two winning seasons in the previous seventeen years
12 and only one ten-win season in school history; and

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WHEREAS, in the next fifteen years with him as the head coach, the University of
14 Missouri football team achieved ten winning seasons, five ten-win seasons, five conference
15 division titles, two Southeastern Conference championship game appearances, ten bowl
16 appearances, six bowl victories, five final top-20 national rankings, and the university's first
17 No. 1 ranking since 1960; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, during those fifteen successful years, he was named the National Coach
25 of the Year in 2007, the Big 12 Conference coach of the year in 2007, and the Southeastern
26 Conference coach of the year in 2014; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, his 2007 team became one of his greatest with a Big 12 North division
29 title and record of 12-2 while scoring an average of 40 points per game. The team ruined the
30 undefeated record of the border rival Kansas Jayhawks, defeating them with a 36-28 win and
31 claiming the national No. 1 ranking. The 2007 team finished the season with a 38-17 victory
32 over Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl and a national No. 4 ranking; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, after the university moved to the Southeastern Conference, his 2013
35 team surprised college football experts by finishing the season as Southeastern Conference
36 East division champions and Cotton Bowl champions over Oklahoma State with another 12-2
37 record and a national No. 5 ranking; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, in 2014, he led his team in a return to the Southeastern Conference
40 championship and finished the season with an 11-3 record and a national No. 14 ranking by
41 defeating Minnesota in the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl; and

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43 **WHEREAS**, he ended his college football coaching career with his retirement in
44 2015 as the third-winningest active college football coach; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure as head coach, he led the University of Missouri
47 football team to a 118-73 record; and

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49 **WHEREAS**, he joined coach Bear Bryant and coach Steve Spurrier as one of only
50 three coaches in college football history to hold the most wins for two collegiate football
51 programs; and

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53 **WHEREAS**, he became the first coach in NCAA Division I Football Bowl
54 Subdivision history to lead a team to the conference championship game in three different
55 conferences; and

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57 **WHEREAS**, seventy-nine of his players were recognized as first team all-conference
58 players, ten were recognized as First Team All-Americans, three were recognized as

59 Academic All-Americans, three were recognized as National Football Foundation National
60 Scholar-Athletes, and thirty-nine were drafted by National Football League teams; and
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62 **WHEREAS**, players on his University of Missouri football teams excelled in the
63 classroom by leading the conference in academic progress rate numerous times and with
64 ninety-five percent of his senior players graduating; and
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66 **WHEREAS**, he has been inducted into the Kenmore High School Hall of Fame, the
67 Kent State Athletics Hall of Fame, the Toledo Athletics Hall of Fame, the Mid-American
68 Conference Hall of Fame, the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame, and the Missouri Sports Hall of
69 Fame; and
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71 **WHEREAS**, on January 10, 2022, the National Football Foundation & College Hall
72 of Fame announced that Gary Pinkel is a member of the 2022 College Football Hall of Fame
73 Class:
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75 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
76 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
77 Senate concurring therein, hereby congratulate Gary Pinkel on his myriad achievements in
78 college football, recognize him as the winningest coach in Missouri football history, and
79 recognize that his leadership and success put Missouri on the college football map and gave
80 the state's flagship university hope and high expectations; and
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82 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
83 be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Coach Gary Pinkel,
84 the Kenmore High School Hall of Fame, the Kent State Athletics Hall of Fame, the Toledo
85 Athletics Hall of Fame, the Mid-American Conference Hall of Fame, the St. Louis Sports
86 Hall of Fame, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, the National Football Foundation & College
87 Football Hall of Fame, and the president of the University of Missouri.

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