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*Honoring the University of Cincinnati football team as the 2008 Big East Conference
Champion*

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the University of Cincinnati football team on winning the 2008 Big East Conference Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of athletes, the members of the University of Cincinnati football team have combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With admirable dedication, the Bearcats have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in football, and as a result, they secured this year's Big East Conference Championship title with a 6-1 record, were invited to play in the 2009 FedEx Orange Bowl, and finished the season with an impressive 11-3 record; and

WHEREAS, The Bearcats' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their families, their school, their community, and their coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Brian Kelly and his assistants have not only helped each athlete to develop his talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the University of Cincinnati football team on its tremendous 2008 season and salute the players and coaches as outstanding citizens; and be it further

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