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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating the 1994-1995 Penn State football team for its
- 2 outstanding season; commending its players, coaches and
- 3 support staff for reminding us and for exemplifying to our
- 4 young people the great success that can be achieved by hard
- 5 mental and physical work, persistent unwillingness to fail,

1 healthy pride, dedication to a dream, commitment, teamwork
2 and all the other traditional values Pennsylvanians hold
3 dear; and declaring the 1994-1995 Nittany Lions as the
4 Nation's No. 1 college football team in our hearts and minds.

5 WHEREAS, The 1994-1995 Penn State football team has just
6 completed the most exciting football season in Penn State
7 history by winning the Big Ten Conference Championship, by
8 achieving a 12-0 undefeated and untied record, and by winning
9 the 1995 Rose Bowl, the granddaddy and most spectacular of all
10 holiday football festivals; and

11 WHEREAS, The Nittany Lions team outscored its opponents 564-
12 252, averaging 47 points scored per game, and logged the
13 following victories:

14 PSU 56 - Minnesota Golden Gophers 3

15 PSU 38 - USC Trojans 14

16 PSU 61 - Iowa Hawkeyes 21

17 PSU 55 - Rutgers Scarlet Knights 27

18 PSU 48 - Temple Owls 21

19 PSU 31 - Michigan Wolverines 24

20 PSU 63 - Ohio State Buckeyes 14

21 PSU 35 - Indiana Hoosiers 29

22 PSU 35 - Illinois Fighting Illini 31

23 PSU 45 - Northwestern Wildcats 17

24 PSU 59 - Michigan State Spartans 31

25 PSU 38 - Oregon Ducks 20; and

26 WHEREAS, This exciting season, Head Coach Joe Paterno's 29th,
27 was a record-making year in which many PSU records were broken
28 prior to the Rose Bowl, including, but not limited to: Ki-Jana
29 Carter's 100-yard rushing games (9), Kerry Collins' consecutive
30 pass completions (14), Collins' season pass completion
31 percentage (66.7), Collins' season passing yards average per

1 attempt (10.15), Collins' season pass efficiency rating (172.86,
2 4th highest in NCAA history), Collins' season passing yardage
3 (2,679), Collins' season pass completions (176), Collins' career
4 200-yard passing games (15 from 1991-1994), Collins' season
5 total offensive yardage (2,660), Brett Conway's season field
6 goal percentage (83.3), Conway's season point-after-touchdown
7 kicks made (62, a Big Ten Record as well), Conway's season PAT
8 kicks attempted (63), Bobby Engram's season reception yardage
9 (1,029), Engram's career 100-yard receiving games (10), PSU's
10 rushing average per carry (6.1 yards), PSU's passing yardage
11 (2,962), PSU's passing yardage per game (269.3), PSU's pass
12 completion percentage (64.9), PSU's total offense yardage
13 (5,722, which also broke the Big Ten Best), PSU's total
14 offensive yardage per game (520.2, which also broke the Big Ten
15 Best), PSU's yards gained per play (7.64, which also broke the
16 Big Ten Best), PSU's points scored (526, which also broke the
17 Big Ten Best); PSU's average points scored per game, all games
18 except Oregon (47.8, which also broke the Big Ten Best); PSU's
19 average points scored per game in Big Ten Games (48.1, which
20 also broke the Big Ten Record) and PSU's touchdowns (71, which
21 also broke the Big Ten Best); and

22 WHEREAS, The team and individual members of the team received
23 countless awards and records of achievement, notably Coach
24 Paterno's "Walter Camp Football Foundation," "Football News,"
25 "Maxwell Football Club," "AFCA District 2" and "Big Ten 'Dave
26 McClain'" Coach of the Year awards; Kerry Collins' "Chicago
27 Tribune Silver Football" to the Big Ten Conference MVP, "Big Ten
28 Offensive Player of the Year," "Davey O'Brien Award," "Chevrolet
29 Offensive Player of the Year," "United Press International Back
30 of the Year," and the "Maxwell Award"; Bobby Engram's

1 "Biletnikoff Award"; Jeff Hartings' "GTE-Cosida Academic All-
2 American Team" selection; Wayne Holmes' "CFA 'Good Works' Team"
3 selection; Tony Pittman's "National Football Foundation and Hall
4 of Fame Scholar-Athlete Team," "GTE-Cosida Academic All-American
5 Team," and "Hitachi/CFA Scholar-Athlete Team" selections and
6 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship; Kyle Brady's, Kerry Collins' and
7 Brian Gelzheiser's selections to play in the Senior Bowl; as
8 well as the myriad of awards for which players were finalists or
9 semifinalists, notably Ki-Jana Carter and Kerry Collins both
10 being nominated for the coveted "Heisman Trophy"; and

11 WHEREAS, Five members of the Nittany Lions have been named
12 All-Americans, namely tailback Ki-Jana Carter, quarterback Kerry
13 Collins, guard Jeff Hartings, tight end Kyle Brady and wide
14 receiver Bobby Engram; and

15 WHEREAS, According to Time magazine (September 12, 1994), the
16 Penn State football team graduation rate of 92% is No. 1 in the
17 nation among the top 25 college football programs; and

18 WHEREAS, The coaching staff of this Nittany Lions team is
19 headed by Joe Paterno, Offensive Coordinator Fran Ganter and
20 Defensive Coordinator Jerry Sandusky; and

21 WHEREAS, The team is composed of the following players:
22 Chris Alston, Bill Anderson, Mike Archie, Todd Atkins, Brad
23 Aumiller, Mike Avau, Dwight Banks, Mike Barninger, Mike Bender,
24 Kyle Brady, Thad Brennan, Mike Buzin, Chris Campbell, Cory
25 Carlson, Mike Carroll, Ki-Jana Carter, Eric Clair, Aaron
26 Collins, Ahmad Collins, Jason Collins, Kerry Collins, Phil
27 Collins, Keith Conlin, Kevin Conlin, Brett Conway, Jeff Davis,
28 Cliff Dingle, Dan Drogan, Chris Eberly, John Eden, Jamaal
29 Edwards, Bobby Engram, Matt Evancho, Ryan Fagan, Lionel Fayard,
30 Chris Feeney, Gerald Filardi, Ambrose Fletcher, Marlon Forbes,

1 Matt Fornadel, Eric Gallman, Jason Gallucci, Brian Gelzheiser,
2 Mike Gonzales, Carl Gray, Bucky Greeley, Jason Green, Joe Gummo,
3 Jeff Hartings, Dale Harvey, Jason Henderson, Ben Henley, Kim
4 Herring, Clint Holes, Wayne Holmes, Andre Johnson, Brad Johnson,
5 Brad Jones, Andy Joyner, Matt Joyner, Joe Jurevicius, Darrell
6 Kania, Terry Killens, Brian King, Todd Kulka, Shawn Lee, Lance
7 Libiano, Bob Lupo, Pete Marczyk, Chris Marrone, Chris Mazyck,
8 Mike McQueary, Brian Miller, Brian Milne, Matt Mueller, Joe
9 Nastasi, Jim Nelson, Brandon Noble, Justin O'Connor, Boris Oden,
10 Keith Olsommer, Doug Ostrosky, Phil Ostrowski, Brad Pantall,
11 Brendon Parmer, Chuck Penzenik, Jeff Perry, Tony Pittman,
12 Stephen Pitts, Shino Prater, J.T. Render, Matt Rhule, Wally
13 Richardson, Marco Rivera, Joe Romano, Brad Scioli, Freddie
14 Scott, Clint Seace, Jason Sload, Irv Smalls, Willie Smith, Dave
15 Smith, Chris Snyder, Jason Stephens, Scott Stephens, Bob
16 Stephenson, Vin Stewart, Mark Tate, Dave Thomas, Barry Tielsch,
17 Damon Troy, Brian Tupa, Tony Twymon, Freddie Valese, Justin
18 Wheeler, Justin Williams, Jon Witman, Mac Wright and Phil
19 Yeboah-Kodie; and

20 WHEREAS, While the AP Sportswriters' Poll and the USA
21 Today/CNN Coaches Poll selected the University of Nebraska
22 football team as No. 1 in 1994-1995, this selection is in great
23 dispute; and

24 WHEREAS, In the Scripps Howard news service final rankings,
25 Penn State was No. 1 in the nation; and

26 WHEREAS, In the New York Times final computer power rankings,
27 Penn State received the top power rating of 1.000; and

28 WHEREAS, The nationally respected Sagarin College Football
29 Ratings declared the 1994-1995 Penn State Nittany Lions football
30 team No. 1 in the nation, with a rating of 104.69; and

1 WHEREAS, Penn State played a 1994 schedule with a Sagarin
2 schedule strength of 79.15; and

3 WHEREAS, Penn State won the conference championship of
4 Sagarin's top-rated conference, while Nebraska took the title in
5 Sagarin's fifth-rated conference; and

6 WHEREAS, While there is nothing more exciting to most of
7 Pennsylvania's football fans than a fall day at Beaver Stadium,
8 the excitement generated by the 1994-1995 Nittany Lions will be
9 difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate by any other football
10 team; and

11 WHEREAS, Regardless of the opinion of others, in the hearts
12 and minds of Penn State University fans worldwide, the 1994-1995
13 Nittany Lions and their head coach, Joe Paterno, are No. 1!;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
16 1994-1995 Penn State football team for its outstanding season;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the players, coaches and support staff of this
19 outstanding team be commended for reminding us and for
20 exemplifying to our young people the great success that can be
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