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Senate Concurrent Resolution 22

Sponsored by Senators NASH, PROZANSKI, MANNING JR, Representatives NATHANSON, WRIGHT; Senators BONHAM, BROADMAN, HAYDEN, Representative HARBICK (at the request of Bill Hansell)

Whereas the 2024 University of Oregon (UO) Ducks football team capped their remarkable and undefeated regular season with a thumping 49-21 win over rival University of Washington on November 30, 2024; and

Whereas the Ducks finished the regular season ranked first in the national polls and achieved the only 13-0 record in program history; and

Whereas in their first season in the Big Ten Conference, the Ducks beat traditional Big Ten powerhouses the University of Michigan, the Ohio State University and the University of Wisconsin during the regular season to show that they were more than ready to compete for dominance in their new conference; and

Whereas on December 7, 2024, the Ducks beat Penn State University 45-37 in an epic Big Ten championship game, winning their first Big Ten football title and advancing to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) playoffs; and

Whereas the Ducks' historic season finally came to an end in the 2025 Rose Bowl, when they lost a heartbreaking national quarterfinal playoff game to the eventual national champion Ohio State Buckeyes, a team the Ducks had previously beaten in October; and

Whereas the UO offensive line was a finalist for the Joe Moore Award, awarded collectively to the best offensive line in the nation; and

Whereas quarterback Dillon Gabriel was a finalist for both the Heisman Trophy (awarded to the nation's outstanding player) and the William V. Campbell Trophy (awarded to the player with the best combination of academics, community service and on-field performance), and he was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year; and

Whereas Gabriel is the NCAA career record holder with 189 total touchdowns, and he ranks second in Football Bowl Subdivision history in passing yards, total yards and passing touchdowns; and

Whereas linebacker Bryce Boettcher became the first player in program history to win the Burlsworth Trophy, presented to the nation's most outstanding football player who began his career as a walk-on; and

Whereas Boettcher—a native of Eugene, Oregon—is also a star UO baseball player, excelling in two sports at a level that is exceedingly rare in modern collegiate athletics, and he delayed his professional baseball career to contribute to the UO football team; and

Whereas linebacker Matayo Uiagalelei was a finalist for the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame College Player of the Year Award; and

Whereas four Ducks earned all-America honors: Gabriel, defensive lineman Derrick Harmon and offensive linemen Josh Conerly Jr. and Ajani Cornelius; and

Whereas numerous UO players won Big Ten all-conference team honors or academic honors; and

Whereas head coach Dan Lanning was named the recipient of the 2025 Stallings Award, which recognizes leadership, character and achievement on and off the playing field; and

Whereas the UO offense and defense both finished the season with high national rankings in proficiency, a testament to the outstanding balance and team depth that fueled the team's success; and

Whereas the Ducks ended their superb season ranked third in the final Associated Press national poll; and

Whereas UO football student-athletes are leaders in the classroom, on campus and in the community; and

Whereas the 2024 UO football team thrilled Ducks fans and the State of Oregon and earned the respect of fans around the nation with their skill, style and courage in a historic season full of memorable wins and late-game heroics; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, commend the exemplary achievements of the 2024 University of Oregon football team. Go Ducks!

Adopted by Senate March 17, 2025

Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 13, 2025

Julie Fahey, Speaker of House