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Lake County Commissioners Recognize Jim Tressel on Appointment as Lieutenant Governor of Ohio

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, February 20, 2025— During today's Lake County Board of Commissioners' meeting, the board announced the adoption of a resolution recognizing Jim Tressel, a native of the City of Mentor in Lake County, on his appointment as Lieutenant Governor of Ohio.

The Board is especially proud of Tressel's accomplishments as a Lake County and City of Mentor native, which exemplify the spirit of excellence and leadership that our community promotes. His remarkable tenure as the Head Football Coach at The Ohio State University from 2001 to 2010 brought unprecedented success to the program, including a National Championship in 2002 and multiple Big Ten Conference titles. Beyond his athletic achievements, Tressel instilled essential values of teamwork, discipline, academic excellence, and community engagement in his players, helping shape them into responsible and successful citizens. Notably, his teams achieved a signature upset over Michigan, a victory that showcased his ability to prepare his teams for the biggest stages and achieve historic wins.

Following his time at Ohio State, Tressel served as the President of Youngstown State University from 2014 to 2023. During this period, he implemented significant improvements in academic programs, increased student enrollment, and enhanced campus facilities, contributing greatly to the university's growth and the economic development of the Mahoning Valley. His dedication to community service is further exemplified by his involvement with numerous charitable organizations, demonstrating a genuine commitment to improving the lives of young people throughout Ohio.

The resolution also recognizes that Jim Tressel's appointment as Lieutenant Governor is a testament to his exceptional leadership abilities, deep understanding of the state's challenges and opportunities, and unwavering dedication to public service.

"Having grown up in Lake County, Jim embodies the values we cherish in our community—perseverance, integrity, and a desire to uplift those around him. We are proud to have such a distinguished leader representing us at the state level," said Commission President Richard J. Regovich.

"Jim Tressel has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence and a passion for serving the people of Ohio," said Commissioner John T. Plecnik. "We are incredibly proud to recognize Mentor and Lake County's native son for his appointment as Lieutenant Governor, and wish Jim the best of luck in his new role. Additionally, we'd like to highlight that Lake County is the birthplace of not just one, but two legendary football coaches. Don Shula, who coached for the Miami Dolphins from 1970 to 1995 and the Baltimore Colts from 1963 to 1969, hailed from Grand River."

"Jim's dedication to the youth of Ohio is unwavering. His leadership transcends the football field, and I have no doubt he will bring that same commitment to his role as Lieutenant Governor," said Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III.

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