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"Brady Hoke is one of the very fine coaches in this land. He and his staff care about their players and demand excellence in all phases of their program. The Aztecs will enjoy great success with coach Hoke!"

- Jim Tressel, head coach of The Ohio State

"San Diego State made the right choice. Brady has done one of the great coaching jobs in the country at Ball State. I think he has proven what an outstanding coach he is. He rebuilt the Ball State program and what he did this year was simply an amazing job.

"He did a tremendous job recruiting California when he was at Michigan and he has outstanding ties on the West Coast having coached at Oregon State. From a recruiting standpoint, he is a great fit.

"He has a great way with people and he is fun to be around. He is a very demanding coach and has the ability to be tough, while at the same time be respected as a leader. I know he will do a great job at San Diego State. He loves the game and is a hard-working guy. The kids are going to want to play for him."

- Lloyd Carr, former head coach of Michigan

"(He is) one of the finest football coaches in America. He is a proven winner and more importantly, he is a tremendous family man. He's also a great friend. The people of San Diego State should be very proud that Brady Hoke is their head football coach."

- John Harbaugh, head coach of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens