

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4696, by Representatives Hunt, Ormsby, Hatfield, Cox, Wood, Newhouse, Schoesler, Jarrett and Blake

WHEREAS, The Washington State University Cougar football team finished the 2003 season ranked ninth in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Cougars became the first Pacific-10 Conference team since 1931-1933 to win 10 games in three consecutive seasons, giving them a 30-8 record during that period; and

WHEREAS, During the past three years, the team has the ninth best winning record, 30-8, among major college football teams; and

WHEREAS, WSU defeated the fifth-ranked Texas Longhorns 28-20 in the 2003 Holiday Bowl with punter Kyle Basler winning defensive MVP and receiver Sammy Moore winning offensive MVP honors; and

WHEREAS, Seventeen Cougar players were named to the All-Pac 10 team, including first team members Josh Parrish, Will Derting, Jason David, Erik Coleman, and Drew Dunning; and

WHEREAS, WSU Head Coach Bill Doba was named Co-coach of the Year in the prestigious Pacific-10 Conference; and

WHEREAS, Kicker Drew Dunning, who became WSU's all-time leading scorer, was named a first team All-American; and

WHEREAS, Six Cougar players with grade point averages of 3.45 and higher were named to the Pac-10 All-Academic First Team; and

WHEREAS, The WSU team finished in second place in the Pac-10 in 2003, giving it third place, first place, and second place finishes for 2001, 2002, and 2003; and

WHEREAS, The team led the nation in takeaways with 48; its 24 fumble recoveries led the nation and its 24 interceptions were second; and

WHEREAS, Cougar players Erik Coleman, Jason David, D.D. Ancholonu, Isaac Brown, Matt Kegel, Sammy Moore, Josh Parrish, Jeremy Williams, and Drew Dunning were selected to play in postseason all star games;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives congratulate the Washington State Cougar football players and coaches on their third consecutive outstanding season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Washington State University President V. Lane Rawlins, head coach Bill Doba, and captains of the team.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4696 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 16, 2004

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk