

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4605, by Representatives Taylor, Hinkle, Ross, Morris, Pearson, Klippert, Johnson, and Condotta

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Washington recognizes excellence, dedication, and leadership in all forms of endeavors; and

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2010, Dr. Gary Frederick resigned his position as head coach for the Central Washington University softball team after serving as the head coach for the past sixteen seasons, from 1995-2010; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick lead the Lady Wildcats to the two most successful seasons in the softball program's 18-year history, setting a school record for victories in a season with 22 in 2009 and then surpassing that mark with a 40-15 record and the program's first-ever conference championship in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick won or shared the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honors in 2009 and 2010 and led Central Washington University to the 2010 NCAA Division II West Region Tournament, where the Wildcats lost to eventual national champion Hawaii Pacific in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick's resignation marked an end to his 50-plus years at Central Washington University as a student-athlete, teacher, administrator, and coach; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick graduated from Central Washington University in 1959 and later earned a Master's degree from the university in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick earned a Doctorate in Education from the University of Idaho in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick had been a head coach in the Central Washington University Athletic Department for all but five years since 1967; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick spent eleven seasons as the head baseball coach, from 1968-78, eleven seasons as the head women's basketball coach, from 1982-93, and was the university's athletic director, from 1980-99; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick, a former Wildcat football student-athlete, also spent 17 seasons as an assistant football coach at Central Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Among the many accomplishments of Dr. Frederick's career include inductions into the Central Washington University Athletics Hall of Fame as an individual and as the head coach of three Wildcat teams - the 1968 and 1970 baseball teams, and the 1987-88 women's basketball squad - as well as a 1997 induction into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame. Dr. Frederick was also the NAIA National Administrator of the Year for 1988-89 and spent one year on sabbatical leave from Central Washington University to serve as the Interim Director of Championships for the NAIA in 1992-93; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick's influence and impact on his players was demonstrated on April 26, 2008, when the Central Washington University Wildcats' women's softball team gained national attention in a game against the Western Oregon University Wolves. Facing a scoreless game and needing to win in order to keep their Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship hopes alive, first baseman Mallory Holtman and shortstop Liz Wallace exemplified outstanding sportsmanship by carrying the injured opponent around to touch the bases and score; and

WHEREAS, In 38 seasons at Central Washington University as a head coach, Dr. Frederick's teams were victorious in 718 games;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and honor Dr. Gary Frederick for his exceptional accomplishments as a student-athlete, teacher, coach, and administrator at Central Washington University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Dr. Gary Frederick and Central Washington University.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4605 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 26, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk