HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4630, by Representatives Maxwell and Clibborn

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks won the NFC West for the first time since 2007 with a defining 16-6 win over the St. Louis Rams on January 2nd; and

WHEREAS, First-year Seattle Seahawks Head Coach Pete Carroll has shown a true exuberance for both the game of football and the greater Seattle community; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks and their fans set out with abandon to prove the nation wrong after it was said that the team had no business in the NFL playoffs; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks created an iconic Seattle sports moment with their 41-36 improbable defeat of the defending Super Bowl champs, the New Orleans Saints, in an NFC playoff game January 9th; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks' storied playoff run was impressive despite their January 16th loss to the Chicago Bears, as the team still found a way to shine in the second half by scoring 24 points; and

WHEREAS, The 2010 Seattle Seahawks football season was marked by explosive plays, unbelievable runs, deep route catches, and line of scrimmage subterfuge from outstanding players such as quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, running backs Marshawn Lynch, Justin Forsett, and Leon Washington, receiver Mike Williams, tight end John Carlson, linebackers Lofa Tatupu and Aaron Curry, and every other player on the team; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Seahawks owner Paul Allen, as a business leader and local resident of the 41st District, strives to provide an important investment and entertainment for the community; and

WHEREAS, It is well known throughout the NFL that no other football stadium in America boasts a fan base as supportive and as loud as the Seattle Seahawks' "12th Man" at Qwest Field; and

WHEREAS, When cornered, the Seahawks can go into a "beast" mode causing the 12th Man's roaring approval to register on seismic measuring devices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Seattle Seahawks for yet another memorable season and playoff run, and thank them for giving so much to the team's fans, the "12th Man."

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4630 adopted by the House of Representatives March 21, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk