

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95-4641, by Representatives Schoesler, Hatfield, Robertson and Conway

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State University Cougar football team has exhibited the highest level of excellence in winning the 1994 Builders Square Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Cougars' 10-3 victory over the Baylor University Bears enabled them to complete the season ranked nineteenth in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Their incredible abilities were demonstrated by this third bowl appearance, and the third bowl win for the Cougars, in the past six years; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Mike Price and all the Washington State University football assistant coaches and staff and all the players share in the Cougars' success by combining exceptional coaching and exceptional playing; and

WHEREAS, The Cougars' triumphant season included a crushing defeat of the University of Washington Huskies by a 23-6 decision in the 1994 Apple Cup in Pullman; and

WHEREAS, Chad Davis earned the Most Valuable Offensive Player performance award at the Alamo Bowl by completing 27 of 35 passes for 286 yards and no interceptions; and

WHEREAS, Cougar linebacker Mark Fields was named Defensive Player of the Year in the Pacific-10 Conference; and

WHEREAS, WSU defensive tackle Chad Eaton received the Morris Trophy as Defensive Lineman of the Year in the Pacific-10 Conference, as voted by the league's offensive lineman who felt the fury of his ferocious line play; and

WHEREAS, Washington State's defense was the best in the nation after all postseason bowl games were played, finishing first in total defense, allowing 222.5 yards per game, first in scoring defense while giving up just 11.3 points per game, third in rushing defense at 73.8 yards per game, and third in pass efficiency at 90.08; and

WHEREAS, The Cougars' smashing defensive performances earned the team a spot in the WSU record book; the defense ranked first in rushing touchdowns allowed with four, first in rushing yards allowed per game at 73.8, and first in rushing average per play at 2.0; and

WHEREAS, These outstanding achievements could only have been attained with the support of the many students, alumni, family, community members, and friends who gave their enthusiastic support, making them accomplishments for everyone to share and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State University Cougar football team is a source of great pride to all citizens of the state of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor the 1994 Washington State University Cougar football team and Head Coach Mike Price; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Head Coach Mike Price and his coaching staff as well as to the entire 1994 Cougar football team, and to Washington State University President Samuel H. Smith.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4641 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 27, 1995.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk