HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97-4643, by Representatives Wensman and Ballasiotes

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Legislature to honor excellence in every field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, The Mercer Island High School Islanders Girls Swimming and Diving Team won the 1996 State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Islanders Girls Swimming and Diving Team State Championship participants were Harmony Danner, Michelle Harper, Colleen Helsel, Kendra Helsel, Anna Hoard, Ellie Humphries, Jane Humphries, Maya Jones, Chace Kloppenburg, Mollie LeClercq, Heather McClure, Siobhan Nolan, Melissa Schmelzer, Sarah Shulman, Kirty Strand, Jenny Vetter, Lauren Williams, and Rebecca Youngs; and

WHEREAS, The Islanders have won the last five consecutive State Championships, as well as the 1987 State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Islanders have finished in the top ten during twenty-four of the past twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, The Islanders have exemplified to their classmates the success that is possible in any field of endeavor when persistent effort is made; and

WHEREAS, The Islanders are a credit to their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and congratulate the Mercer Island High School Islanders Girls Swimming and Diving Team for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice in achieving these significant accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Varsity Coach Frank Ceteznik and Assistant Coaches Bob Harshbarger and Jane Ceteznik be recognized for their leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the teachers, classmates, and parents of the team members be recognized for the important part they played in helping these student athletes excel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Principal Dr. Judy Smith, Vice-Principal/Athletic Director Craig Olson, and to each of the coaches and members of the Mercer Island High School Islanders Girls Swimming and Diving Team that participated in the State Championship Team.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4643 adopted by the House of Representatives March 31, 1997.

Timothy A.	Martin,	Chief Clerk