SENATE RESOLUTION 2000-8775

By Senators West, Sheldon, B., McCaslin, Kohl-Welles and Zarelli

WHEREAS, Gonzaga University's Mens' Basketball Team the Bulldogs have won their second consecutive West Coast Conference Championship title with a thrilling overtime victory over Pepperdine University; and

WHEREAS, The Gonzaga Bulldogs defeated all Washington schools that they played this season, including the Washington State Cougars and the University of Washington Huskies; and WHEREAS, The Bulldogs Basketball Team has achieved their sixth post-season trip of the decade, including three National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament appearances, and

WHEREAS, First year head coach Mark Few has guided the Bulldogs to their second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Mens' Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, After winning the 2000 West Coast Conference title the Bulldogs earned a berth in the NCAA Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The NCAA Tournament is the intense competition that leads to the final four and eventually the collegiate national championship; and

WHEREAS, A berth in the NCAA Tournament is a high achievement of perseverance and team work; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Bulldogs Basketball team are: Casey Calvary, Alex Dench, Ryan Floyd, Richie Frahm, John Gebbers, Zach Gourde, Matt Kincaid, Mike Nilson, Matt Santangelo, Jay Sherrell, Mark Spink, Jimmy Tricco, and Kenny Williams; and

WHEREAS, Gonzaga's coaching staff consists of: Mark Few, Bill Grier, Leon Rice, Scott Snider, and Trainer Steve DeLong.; and,

WHEREAS, The community of Spokane takes great pride in Gonzaga University and its Mens' Championship Basketball Team;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognizes and applauds Gonzaga University's Mens' Basketball Team for their achievement of both winning the West Coast Conference Championship title, and receiving a well-earned berth into the highly regarded NCAA Tournament;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Gonzaga University's Athletic Department in Spokane Washington; to the Bulldogs Head Coach Mark Few, and to the President of Gonzaga University, Father Robert J. Spitzer.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8775, adopted by the Senate March 16, 2000.

TONY M. COOK Secretary of the Senate