HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4659, by Representatives Jarrett 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 Girls Water Polo Team won the 2001 Washington State Water Polo Championship; and

WHEREAS, The 2001 Mercer Island High School Girls Water Polo Championship team members were: Karin Aebersold, Whitney Benz, Erika Ramberg, Blaire Wyatt, Christina Wensman, Jessica Myre, Rendy Lynn Opdycke, Kristin Williams-Hill, Anabelle Sutcliffe, Ashley Massmann, and Jessica Riebe; and

WHEREAS, The Mercer Island Water Polo Players have exemplified to their classmates the success that is possible when clear goals are established and when persistent effort is made toward those goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and congratulate the Mercer Island High School Girls Water Polo Team for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice in achieving this significant accomplishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Head Coach Jeff Lowell, Assistant Coaches Tim Reed and Scott Kelley, and Managers Kate Connelly and Julie Chung be recognized for their dedication, sacrifice, and leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Ashley Massmann and Erika Ramberg be recognized for being named the All-State First Team and that Jessica Myre and Karin Aebersold were named to the All-State Second Team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the teachers, classmates, and parents of the above mentioned players be recognized for the important part they played in helping these student athletes excel: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the validity and value of the sport of water polo to young athletes in Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to the Mercer Island High School Principal, Athletic Director, and to each of the coaches and members of the Mercer Island High School 2001 Varsity Girls Water Polo Team.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4659 adopted by the House of Representatives May 18, 2001.