By Senators Weinstein, Esser, McAuliffe and Fraser

WHEREAS, The Bellevue High School football team and girls' swim team both recently won state championships; and

WHEREAS, The football team's title is a state-record fourth consecutive state 3A title, the first such achievement by a Washington football team in any classification; and

WHEREAS, It is the fourth state title for the girls' swim team; and

WHEREAS, Football coach Butch Goncharoff and his coaching staff have led the team to a 50-2 record in the past four seasons; and

WHEREAS, Both Goncharoff and swim coach Paul Von Destinon concentrate not just on athletic ability, but on instilling a strong work ethic and team spirit among their athletes; and

WHEREAS, Bellevue High School students showed their immense school spirit throughout the season in a positive, respectful way; and

WHEREAS, In addition to high-quality athletic programs, Bellevue High School staff and students also strive for academic excellence, including setting a goal that all students should take at least one advanced level course before graduating; and

WHEREAS, Bellevue High School athletes show a dedication to schoolwork, with 21 members of the football team and nine members of the swim team carrying a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the Bellevue High School Wolverines football team and girls' swim team, and their coaching staffs, for a commitment to excellence both on the field and in the classroom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Bellevue High School football team head coach Butch Goncharoff, girls' swim team coach Paul Von Destinon, and Principal Mike Bacigalupi.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8630, adopted by the Senate March 7, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate