

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96-4737, by Representatives Chandler, Mulliken and Hatfield

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

WHEREAS, Collegiate athletics promote in part the values necessary for scholastic and life success in as much as participation, contribution and success in collegiate athletics develops and cultivates perseverance, dedication, sacrifice, teamwork, integrity, sportsmanship, loyalty and spirit; and

WHEREAS, Built upon these core values the Central Washington University Wildcat football team has exhibited the highest standards of achievement during the 1995 football season where in the Central Wildcat earned and share the 1995 title of National Champions, NAIA-Division I and

WHEREAS, The Champion Wildcat began the season ranked 25th and even disappeared from national rankings though the Champion Wildcat showed true grit on the gridiron fighting setbacks and adversity during the 1995 season with a six-game winning streak and on the way to earning a spot in the play-off set an incredible twenty-two new school records, twenty-eight new Columbia Football Association records and an amazing nine new National records and

WHEREAS, During the play-off the Central Wildcat continued their amazing season with a blazing victory over the number one ranked team, Western Washington University and also went on to soundly defeat Hardin/Simmons in Texas, the University of Mary from North Dakota, to ultimately earn and share the 1995 National Championship Title with the University of Findlay and

WHEREAS, Although the extraordinary achievements of the Central Wildcat are due to the outstanding individual efforts of each and every team member, worthy of special note are "All-American" team members, John Kitna Quarterback, Kenny Russaw, Wide Receiver, Mugagga "Andy" Lwanga, Outside Linebacker and Scott LeMaster Inside Linebacker and

WHEREAS, These extraordinary achievements would not have been possible without the instruction, guidance and leadership of Jeff Zenisek recognized for his exemplary talent by being named the 1995 National Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Quarterly, nor without the unequivocal support and encouragement of the Central Washington University student body, faculty, and staff, alumni, family and friends, community members, benefactors and fans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives be on the highest level of excellence in achievements shown by the Champion Wildcat and for the shining example of inspiration such achievements have set for others and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the President of Central Washington University, the Athletic Director of Central Washington University, the Coach of the Central Washington University Wildcat and to each Wildcat team member.

Thereby certifying this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4737 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 4, 1996.

Timothy A. Martin Chief Clerk