

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4644, by Representatives Linville and Ericksen

WHEREAS, The Blaine Borderites girls basketball team captured an amazing 51-33 victory over a valiant but ultimately out-hustled foe to bring a highly impressive third-place trophy home from the recent Washington State 2A tournament; and

WHEREAS, Responding admirably to the pressure-cooker competition in Yakima, the Blaine hoops contingent put the finishing touches on yet another storied Borderite campaign; and

WHEREAS, Following up on last year's fourth-place finish at state, this 2002-2003 Blaine Borderite edition won this year's Northwest District basketball crown to qualify for the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, Led by their head coach, Patrick Green, the Blaine Borderites went undefeated in their league season and finished with an overall mark of twenty-five wins and only a single setback; and

WHEREAS, Assistant coaches Connie Pilon, Heidi Kuttel, and Jordan Green helped mastermind a 2002-2003 season that for years to come will be recalled in awe whenever basketball fans recount the best times of their game; and

WHEREAS, It was a very hard-fought overtime loss in the second-to-last game of the year that kept the Blaine Borderites from playing for the state championship; and

WHEREAS, The Borderites deployed a crushing defense in holding adversaries to under forty-five points in all but one of their matchups going into the state-tournament tilts; and

WHEREAS, Unselfishness at both ends of the court and an aggressive push to the offensive boards made the Blaine Borderites a rival to regret for teams all across the Evergreen State; and

WHEREAS, Team members Linsey Taylor, Shela Robertson, Rochelle Jackson, Holly Steckler, Ainsley Nix, Phillina Cain, Kristina Francis, Kimberly Harmening, Jennifer Kramer, Jessica Summers, Amanda Stull, and Lori Robertson, and manager Hannah Steinbach brought honor and acclaim to the historic and international community of Blaine; and

WHEREAS, A large contingent of ardent Blaine boosters traveled from their Northwest Washington community and surrounding region to behold the statewide prominence claimed by their basketball mainstays;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington laud and applaud the Blaine Borderites for their incredible girls basketball season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the girls basketball coaching staff and the administration at Blaine High School.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4644 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 28, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk