

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4725, by Representatives Conway, Kirby, Quall, Lovick, Sullivan and Hatfield

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

WHEREAS, On November 15th, 2003, Pacific Lutheran University Football Coach Frosty Westering achieved his 305th victory and ended his coaching career as one of the winningest coaches in the history of football; and

WHEREAS, Frosty Westering's career is distinguished by continued excellence and success; and

WHEREAS, Frosty never had a losing season throughout his 32-year tenure at Pacific Lutheran University; and

WHEREAS, Frosty is ranked 9th among the 25,000 head coaches in the history of college football; and

WHEREAS, Frosty Westering's honors include: Induction into the NAIA Hall of Fame; two-time NAIA National College Football Coach of the Year; NCAA Division III Coach of the Year; five-time Northwest Small-College Coach of the Year; American Football Coaches Associations' National Coach of the Year; four-time Conference Coach of the Year; seven-time Northwest College Division Coach of the Year; honored as the winningest coach in NAIA history; hailed as Pacific Lutheran University's all-time winningest football coach; recipient of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' Lifetime Achievement Award; and coach of 25 NAIA and NCAA First Team All-Americans, including his son and now PLU Head Football Coach, Scott Westering, who will continue the legacy of his father; and

WHEREAS, Football seasons with Frosty began on the ocean beach with a human pyramid in the sand, comical skits, a softball game, a handshake, and a laugh. His leadership and unconventional coaching methods inspired PLU to win four national championships and eight title-game appearances; and

WHEREAS, The excellence Frosty exemplified on the football field is a byproduct of his philosophy to "Make the Bigtime Where You Are." Frosty focused not on winning, but the joy of the journey and the opportunity to be in the arena. He emphasized a double-win philosophy where victory on the scoreboard resulted from striving for excellence and playing to one's personal potential; and

WHEREAS, Even more impressive than Frosty's passion for the game is his passion for serving people. His rich tradition of excellence extended beyond the playing field into surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Frosty believed his football team should be "More than Champions;" he encouraged his players to serve others through the PLU football mentorship program; and

WHEREAS, Athletes would volunteer and visit the classrooms of local Tacoma Middle Schools every week, as Frosty fostered a strong ethic of service and recognized his athletes as "Servant Warriors"; and

WHEREAS, Frosty believed "No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care," he prayed with players before and after games, stopped practices for Popsicle breaks, and frequently gave "Attaway" cheers to honor the feats of others and even inanimate objects like the beauty of Mount Rainier. Frosty created an inviting feeling that extended beyond the arena; and

WHEREAS, He encouraged and strengthened the confidence of others with sayings such as, "courage is a three letter word (YES!)" and "the real measure of a person is not what they can do in comparison to others but what they do in comparison to their own best self"; and

WHEREAS, Frosty Westering's unsurpassed legacy of love, service, and humility will forever impact and inspire others to be their "best self"; and

WHEREAS, Frosty Westering's high regard for human dignity and unique approach to life and competition is founded in his love for people, strength of character, and his faith in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Frosty is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who celebrates over fifty years of marriage with his wife, Donna Bell Westering; and

WHEREAS, Donna Bell is an amazing woman with a passion for life and a heart for serving others; and

WHEREAS, Frosty would hold none of his success possible without her strength, hope, love, and grace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the life and legacy of Coach Frosty Westering and his unwavering example of love, friendship, humility, and integrity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor him for exemplifying a faith to stand on, a future to hope for, and the belief that love never fails; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Pacific Lutheran University President Loren Anderson, Frosty Westering, Scott Westering, and the PLU football team.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4725 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 10, 2004

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk