

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4689, by Representatives Hunt, Williams, McCoy, Appleton and Quall

WHEREAS, Sid Otton has dedicated 39 years to the student athletes of Washington, the last 32 with the Tumwater High School Thunderbirds Football team; and

WHEREAS, Sid Otton has been head football coach at Tumwater High School since 1974; and

WHEREAS, Sid Otton, through tireless effort and determination, has led Tumwater High School to the state playoffs 18 times, capturing 4 state championships; and

WHEREAS, On September 9, 2005, Sid Otton broke the state record of 272 career wins for a high school football coach; and

WHEREAS, Sid Otton finished the fall 2005 season with 278 career victories and another Tumwater High School trip to the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, Sid Otton's excellence has earned him several awards, including induction into the Washington State Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1996, the Weber State University Hall of Fame in 1993, and being named "Best Local Coach" by The Olympian in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sid Otton has provided outstanding guidance to his players, imparting the ideals of teamwork, perseverance, and humility; and

WHEREAS, 8 of Sid Otton's former players have gone on to play major college football; and

WHEREAS, 4 of Sid Otton's assistant coaches, Karst Brandsma of Peninsula High School, Dave Tobin of Hoquiam High School, Bill Beattie of Olympia High School, and Matt Hinkle of Shelton High School, have gone on to become successful head coaches; and

WHEREAS, Sid Otton and his wife, Marjean, have been married 40 years and have 3 children and 7 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Sid Otton's son, Tim, serves as volunteer assistant football coach at Tumwater High School; Sid's daughter, Tana, serves as head volleyball coach at Tumwater High School; and son, Brad, served as quarterbacks coach at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Marjean Otton says "Sid is a very unselfish man who will not feel at all comfortable taking the honors without giving credit to all the assistant coaches he has had throughout the years. He's a pretty humble guy who just loves what he does being a football coach. I am very proud of him for who he is and all he has accomplished. He is a student of the game, always going to clinics and learning more. But I have to say, above all, his greatest accomplishments are that of being the best husband, father, and grandfather. He is a tremendous example to us all";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives offer its congratulations, gratitude, and commendation to Sid Otton for his outstanding years of service to the student athletes of the community and to the students and families of Tumwater; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Sid Otton and his family, and Tumwater High School.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4689 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 27, 2006

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk