

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4718, by Representatives Serben, Orcutt, Hunt, Bailey, Hankins, Skinner, Conway and McDonald

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize extraordinary merit and achievement in all forms of endeavors; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks organization, and its legion of loyal fans across this great state and country, deserve such recognition for the outstanding accomplishment they made in becoming champions to the people of Washington and supporters nationwide; and

WHEREAS, With an experienced coaching staff, MVP running back, Pro Bowl quarterback, dominant offensive line, young, but stifling defense, and electric special teams, the Seahawks posted a franchise-best 13-3 regular season record, including a first-ever 11-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, During this incredible run, the Seahawks dominated by scoring 57 touchdowns to their opponents' 24, 5,915 total yards to their opponents' 5,069, 361 first downs to their opponents' 295, and 50 sacks to their opponents' 27; and

WHEREAS, The Seahawks played in their first Super Bowl in franchise history on February 5, 2006 - Super Bowl XL - where they lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers 21-10 due partly to questionable referee calls, including 70 penalty yards compared to just 20 for Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Super Bowl XL was distributed internationally to more than 230 countries and nationally to more than 200 television stations throughout the United States, where hundreds of millions of people got to experience Seahawks football and a taste of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, The Seahawks play in one of the most state-of-the-art facilities in all of professional sports, providing a raucous and loud environment that intimidates opposing teams; and

WHEREAS, The spirit of the "12th Man" reached every part of this great state and each Seahawks fan across the country, and played a central role in the team's success, much to the chagrin of Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, Seahawks Head Coach, Mike Holmgren, began his coaching career in 1971 at his alma mater Lincoln High School in San Francisco, California, where he also taught history; and

WHEREAS, Seahawks Head Coach, Mike Holmgren, has been with the team since January 9, 1999, guiding the Seahawks to a 22-13 record over their last 35 regular-season games, and once again leading a team to the Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, In the same year that the Seahawks went to the Super Bowl for the first time in franchise history, a former player and current broadcaster, Warren Moon, became the first African-American quarterback named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, The Seahawks make as big of an impact off the field as they do on the field through their Charitable Foundation, which promotes the healthy social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of youth by enhancing opportunities for participation in sports and fitness activities, including the Blue Ribbon Partner Program, a collaboration among Seattle youth service organizations, the Seahawks, the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, and the Seahawks Leadership Academy for at-risk youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its recognition and pride for all that the Seahawks accomplished over the 2005-2006 season, both as a team and as individuals, and acknowledge that a new and exciting era of Seahawks football has been ushered in to the delight of appreciative fans everywhere; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Seattle Seahawks front office personnel, Paul G. Allen, Jody Patton, and Mike Flood, as well as Coach Mike Holmgren and Governor Gregoire.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4718 adopted by the House of Representatives

March 8, 2006

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk