

SENATE RESOLUTION

8736

By Senators Brown, Deccio, Esser, Parlette, Roach, Schmidt, Benson, Johnson, Schoesler, Sheldon, Pridemore, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen, Doumit, Rockefeller, Jacobsen, McCaslin and McAuliffe

WHEREAS, Gonzaga University, located in Spokane, Washington, is home of the Bulldogs, whose men's basketball team has competed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association since 1958, and in the West Coast Conference (WCC) since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Gonzaga University's basketball fans are the self-proclaimed "Zag Nation," and the Bulldogs keep giving them plenty to celebrate this season, claiming two of the four yearly WCC awards, ranking first in the nation for free-throw percentage, and placing sixth in the nation for win-loss percentage; and

WHEREAS, The Bulldogs, who are ranked fourth in the nation, are on an 18 game winning streak, have not lost a home game since early 2003, winning a record 40 successive home games, in addition to 23 straight conference games, and have lost only two conference games in the past three years; and

WHEREAS, The Bulldogs' head coach Mark Few, who has an impressive career coaching record of 183-40 over nearly seven seasons, was honored with his sixth-straight WCC Coach of the Year title for guiding the team to a record sixth consecutive regular season championship; and

WHEREAS, The 2006 Bulldogs ran the table in WCC play, a feat accomplished only nine times in the previous 51 seasons, posting their second perfect 14-0 conference season in the past three seasons; and

WHEREAS, Junior forward Adam Morrison, who graduated from Spokane's Mead High School, is the sixth consecutive Gonzaga player to be named WCC Player of the Year, and is number one nationally in points per game, averaging 28.8 points per game; and

WHEREAS, Morrison recently became the first Gonzaga athlete to land the cover spread of *Sports Illustrated* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Morrison and senior center J.P. Batista were named to both the WCC All-Conference First Team and the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District First Team; and

WHEREAS, Junior forward Sean Mallon, who has started in every game this season, was named to the WCC Winter Academic Team for the second time; and

WHEREAS, Gonzaga University hosted the 2006 West Coast Conference Basketball Tournament, which the Bulldogs entered as the No. 1 seed; and

WHEREAS, Last night, the Zags rallied from a 15-point second-half deficit to beat Loyola Marymount University and win the WCC tournament title, thereby ensuring the Bulldogs' eighth straight NCAA Tournament bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the talent and hard work of the Gonzaga University Bulldogs Men's Basketball coaches and players; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Gonzaga University Men's Basketball Coach Mark Few.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8736,  
adopted by the Senate  
March 7, 2006

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary of the Senate