

SENATE RESOLUTION
8608

By Senators Marr, Tom, Brown, Oemig, and Hobbs

WHEREAS, The high level of competition and enduring tradition of boys' high school cross country is well-established in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Nike Cross National Championships, completed December 6, 2008, in Portland, Oregon, demonstrated the spirited effort and exemplary sportsmanship common to the sport among runners, students, parents, and fans of Spokane, the state of Washington, and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, The most difficult accomplishment in the world of sports is to live up to high expectations and to reach the ultimate goal of a national championship; and

WHEREAS, In 2008 the North Central High School Boys' Cross Country team won their third consecutive state championship title followed by the Northwest regional championships, then entered the national championships ranked first in the nation on December 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, In the 5K national championship cross country race the North Central High School Boys' Cross Country team triumphed over a total of 22 worthy teams from throughout the United States with a winning score of 134 points to become the Nike Cross National Champions; and

WHEREAS, The members of the North Central High School Boys' Cross Country team are Leon Dean, Adam Reed, Jeff Howard, Alexander Avila, Andrew Kimpel, Ben Johnston, Casey Adams, Brandon Ray, John Balch, Spencer Wordell, and Andrew Wordell; and

WHEREAS, The North Central High School team members distinguished themselves with their sportsmanship and determination; and

WHEREAS, The North Central High School Boys' Cross Country team under the leadership of coaches Jon Knight, Len Long, J.C. Hodgson, Dick Baker, Peter Lowe, Tracey Walters, and Brent Christiansen has brought distinction and pride to North Central High School, its students, supporters, and the entire Spokane community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of the team members and the coaching staff, the Senate honors and congratulates the North Central High School Boys' Cross Country team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the School District 81 School Board, the administration of North Central High School, and each of the players and coaches.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8608,
adopted by the Senate
January 27, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate