

SENATE RESOLUTION
8685

By Senators Holmquist, Morton, McCaslin, Honeyford, Rockefeller, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Hewitt, King, Franklin, and Fraser

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2008, the Central Washington University Wildcats' women's softball team played the Western Oregon University Wolves; and

WHEREAS, The Wildcats needed to win the game in order to keep their Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship hopes alive; and

WHEREAS, When the score was zero-zero, a Western Oregon player hit a home run, scoring the two runners on base; and

WHEREAS, While the batter failed to tag first base, she suddenly stopped and turned towards first to tag the base and while doing so suffered a crippling knee injury; and

WHEREAS, The rules of NCAA Division II Softball clearly stated that no Western Oregon player could help the injured runner touch the remaining bases; and

WHEREAS, Central Washington University first baseman Mallory Holtman and shortstop Liz Wallace exemplified outstanding sportsmanship by carrying the injured opponent around to touch the bases and score; and

WHEREAS, When asked why they did this, these inspirational women replied that it was "just the right thing to do"; and

WHEREAS, Even though Central Washington ultimately lost the game, these two players won our hearts; and

WHEREAS, Since their heartwarming display of selflessness during a 2008 game, Mallory Holtman and Liz Wallace have been honored and recognized with numerous awards; and

WHEREAS, One such award given was the 2008 ESPY "Best Moment" award for great sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Central Washington University was also recognized for its culture of sportsmanship with the 2008 America's Team Award from America's Team Charitable Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mallory Holtman and Liz Wallace touched the life of another softball player by helping her achieve her first career home run; and

WHEREAS, In doing so they inspired citizens across the country during hard economic times and reminded us all that goodness, decency, and honor still prevail in collegiate sports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor Mallory Holtman and Liz Wallace for their act of true sportsmanship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Mallory Holtman, Liz Wallace, and Central Washington University.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8685,
adopted by the Senate
January 27, 2010

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate