SENATE RESOLUTION 8721

By Senators O'Ban and Dammeier

WHEREAS, Jermaine Kearse was born on February 6, 1990, in Lakewood, Washington, and is the only member of the 2013-2014 Seattle Seahawks team to call the great state of Washington home; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine Kearse attended high school in Lakewood where teacher Darrellene Canada – a self-described nonsports fan who still remembers him fondly – watched the Super Bowl game on Sunday, February 2, 2014, if only to see her former student, Kearse, make her and his alma mater proud; and

WHEREAS, Kearse attended the University of Washington – indeed, where else would he attend if he hoped to receive a solid education? – and played for a fine football program; and

WHEREAS, Because of Jermaine Kearse's dedication to the game and to his education, working tirelessly to achieve success, he is considered a role model to countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine Kearse was signed by the Seattle Seahawks on April 28, 2012, as a free agent, and since that time has continued to help propel the Seahawks to victory after victory during the 2013-2014 season; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine Kearse helped lead the Seattle Seahawks to a Super Bowl win by making four catches totaling 65 yards, including a 23-yard catch in the third quarter of the game, in which he cleverly eluded numerous Bronco defenders through a series of brilliant spin moves that made more than a few Broncos look just plain silly; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 23, Kearse is already a Super Bowl Champion and he will undoubtedly enjoy a marvelously successful career in the NFL; and

WHEREAS, We celebrate today the success of Lakewood, Washington football champion Jermaine Kearse with hopes that he has many more successful years playing in Super Bowl games with the Seattle Seahawks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and recognize Jermaine Kearse for the outstanding young man, competitive athlete, and hometown hero that he is.