

SENATE RESOLUTION

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1       WHEREAS, The Seattle Mariners joined Major League Baseball's  
2 American League in 1977 as an expansion franchise; and

3       WHEREAS, The Mariners' first winning season came in 1991, when  
4 they finished 83-79; and

5       WHEREAS, The 1995 Mariners reached the MLB playoffs for the first  
6 time, led by eventual Hall of Famers Ken Griffey Jr., Edgar Martinez,  
7 and Randy Johnson; and

8       WHEREAS, The 1995 Mariners forever earned a place in Pacific  
9 Northwest sports lore when they rallied from two games down to beat  
10 the New York Yankees in five games, capped by Edgar Martinez's double  
11 down the left-field line to score Joey Cora and a sliding Ken Griffey  
12 Jr. as fans in the Kingdome roared; and

13       WHEREAS, The Mariners reached the playoffs in 1997, 2000, and  
14 2001, with attendance averaging over three million fans in each of  
15 those three seasons; and

16       WHEREAS, The Mariners then experienced a playoff drought lasting  
17 two decades; and

18       WHEREAS, The 2021 Mariners rekindled hope among fans by finishing  
19 the season with a 90-72 record and barely missing the playoffs; and

20       WHEREAS, The 2022 Seattle Mariners overcame a slow start early in  
21 the season to win 14 straight games in July and finish the season  
22 with another 90-72 record, but this season had a happier finish; and

1       WHEREAS, On September 30, 2022, the Mariners ended their playoff  
2 drought and clinched an American League wild card berth when Cal  
3 Raleigh hit a walk-off home run at T-Mobile Park to defeat the  
4 Oakland Athletics 2-1; and

5       WHEREAS, During the 2022 playoffs, the Mariners defeated the  
6 Toronto Blue Jays two games to none in the wild card round before  
7 being swept by the eventual 2022 World Series champion Houston Astros  
8 in three close games, including a marathon 18-inning, 1-0 Game 3 loss  
9 in Seattle; and

10       WHEREAS, The Mariners' 2022 season highlights included the  
11 exciting play of American League Rookie of the Year Julio Rodriguez,  
12 who finished with 28 home runs and 25 stolen bases in addition to his  
13 Griffey-esque play in center field; and

14       WHEREAS, The 2022 Mariners' pitching staff, from its starters to  
15 its relievers, earned a reputation as one of the best in the American  
16 League; and

17       WHEREAS, Hope and expectations are high among fans as the  
18 Mariners begin the 2023 season;

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
20 congratulate the Seattle Mariners on reaching the 2022 American  
21 League playoffs and ending their 21-year postseason drought; and

22       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate wish  
23 good luck to the Mariners on their 2023 season and that it ends with  
24 a long-awaited World Series championship. Go M's!

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