

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92-4728, by Representatives Prentice, Cooper, Heavey, Mitchell, Brough, Betrozoff, Horn, Basich, Leonard, Pruitt, Zellinsky, Van Luven, Neher, Edmondson, Winsley, Valle, Ferguson, Spanel, Haugen, P. Johnson, May, Padden, Wang and Anderson

WHEREAS, Baseball fans from all over the Pacific Northwest proved their commitment to Major League Baseball and the Seattle Mariners in 1991 by setting an attendance record of more than two million people; and

WHEREAS, The Mariners are entering 1992 on the heels of their first winning season in the team's fifteen-year history, exciting fans and raising hopes throughout the entire Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Mariners make an immeasurable contribution to the economy of Washington state, the pride of its communities, and the wholesome entertainment of its families; and

WHEREAS, The business leaders who came together with a solid purchase offer of one hundred million dollars in cash to buy the Seattle Mariners are to be commended for their commitment to the team, the community, the region, and the future of Major League Baseball itself; and

WHEREAS, The business and community leaders involved in the consortium have made an unshakable commitment to keeping the Pacific Northwest's only Major League Baseball team in Seattle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and applaud Nintendo of America, Minoru Arakawa, Christopher R. Larson, John McCaw Jr., John W. Ellis, and Frank Shrontz for believing in the Mariners, in the community, and in the dream of a World Series championship in Seattle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives call on American League President Bobby Brown, National League President Bill White, and the owners of Major League Baseball's twenty-five other teams to approve the purchase offer and ensure that the Mariners remain in Seattle and the Northwest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the above-named investors, to current Mariners owner Jeff Smulyan, to the Seattle Mariners, and to Major League Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4728 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 3, 1992.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk