

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93-4654, by Representatives Carlson, Springer, H. Myers, Morris, Peery and Ogden

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor;
and

WHEREAS, The Clark College Debate and Speech Team has exhibited the highest level of excellence in winning the overall, or sweepstakes, competition at the 1993 National Community College Speech and Debate Championships held in Odessa, Texas, March 29 through April 2, 1993, its fourth consecutive national championship; and

WHEREAS, The Clark College Debate and Speech Team won the 1993 National Community College Speech and Debate Championships by taking gold medals in Lincoln-Douglas debate, impromptu speaking, and persuasive speaking, silver medals in team debate, and bronze medals in extemporaneous speaking and informative speaking; and

WHEREAS, Four members of the Clark College Debate and Speech Team returned to the championships from last year's team, when they were all national championship rookies; and

WHEREAS, The Clark College Debate and Speech Team debated the topic of whether the United Nations should use force to protect human rights, rather than respect state sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, The Clark College Debate and Speech Team coach, Orv Iverson, the team's coach and speech instructor since 1966, was awarded the prestigious Phi Rho Pi Distinguished Service Award, given to one coach each year by the National Organization for Community College Speech and Debate Programs; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Markle, a returnee from last year's championship team, won a gold medal in Lincoln-Douglas debate, in which individuals, rather than teams, debate each other, a gold medal in impromptu speaking, and a silver medal in team debate; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Close, also a returnee from last year's championship team, won a gold medal in persuasive speaking and a silver medal in team debate; and

WHEREAS, Kim Triplett and Beth Houston, both returnees from last year's championship team, each won a bronze medal in extemporaneous speaking; and

WHEREAS, Bill Knight, the team's only rookie, won a bronze medal in informative speaking; and

WHEREAS, These accomplishments could not have been achieved without the support and encouragement of the students, alumni, families, friends, and community members, who backed them all the way; and

WHEREAS, The Clark College Debate and Speech Team coach, Orv Iverson, assistant coach, Roxanne Sutherland, and team members, Jeff Markle, Jennifer Close, Kim Triplett, Beth Houston, and Bill Knight, all share in the Clark College Debate and Speech Team's success by combining outstanding coaching with outstanding debating and speaking; and

WHEREAS, The individual and team achievements of the 1993 Clark College Debate and Speech Team will always be remembered when commemorating their winning year, and are a source of great pride to all the citizens of the state of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor the 1993 Clark College Debate and Speech Team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to coach Orv Iverson, and Clark Community College President, Earl Johnson.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4654 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 19, 1993.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk