SENATE RESOLUTION 8745

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Carlson, Esser, Winsley, Benton, Spanel, Finkbeiner, Hargrove and Brown

WHEREAS, The 2004 Seattle Pacific University women's basketball team is unbeaten with a record of 27-0, and has earned the top seed in the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Tournament West Regional; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons have won 47 out of their last 48 home games and 56 out of their last 57 games overall; and

WHEREAS, In his sixteen-year tenure, Coach Gordy Presnell has led Seattle Pacific University women's basketball team to an average of 21 victories per year, and qualified for the playoffs 11 times, including one Elite Eight appearance; and

WHEREAS, Coach Presnell was named Coach of the Year in 2003 by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, and has been voted conference coach of the year six times and the WBCA regional coach of the year three times, and is the winningest coach in the history of Seattle Pacific University and the Great Northwest Athletic Conference; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Pacific University women's basketball team has qualified for the NCAA tournament in eight of the last nine years; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Gustafson has been voted 2004 Player of the Year in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, and was joined on the all-conference first team by teammate Kristin Poe; and

WHEREAS, Amy Taylor was named the 2004 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year, and Brittney Kroon received honorable mention honors; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons would not be in the position they are today if not for the stellar team play and contributions of each player, including Carli Smith, Rachel Strand, Trisha Hermanson, Mandy Wood, Amy Taylor, Jenny Poe, Beth Christensen, Michelle Beaumont, Anna Soule, Kristin Poe, Tara Jacob, Brittney Kroon, Mackenzie Duffin, and Valerie Gustafson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RÉSOLVED, That the Senate recognize the excellence of the Seattle Pacific University women's basketball team and wish it well in the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball tournament; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Seattle Pacific University.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8745, adopted by the Senate March 11, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR. Secretary of the Senate