

SENATE RESOLUTION
8712

By Senators Brown, Hewitt, Eide, Brandland, Holmquist, Swecker, Carrell, Zarelli, Benton, Murray, Hatfield, Ranker, Gordon, Delvin, Regala, Franklin, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Rockefeller, Kastama, Haugen, Morton, Oemig, Honeyford, Pridemore, Parlette, Becker, King, Roach, Schoesler, McDermott, and Fraser

WHEREAS, The United States Winter Olympic team won more medals than any of its predecessors during the 2010 Vancouver Games; and

WHEREAS, Athletes from throughout the State of Washington made invaluable and inspirational contributions to their own sports and to the success of the U.S. team as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Spokane's Will Brandenburg was a standout member of the U.S. Alpine Ski Team, which dominated the Olympics with more medals than any of its predecessors; and

WHEREAS, Redmond's Holly Brooks inspired her adopted home of Anchorage, Alaska and her more than 100 cross-country skiing students with her improbable and inspirational push to make the Olympic team; and

WHEREAS, Federal Way's J.R. Celski overcame a devastating injury just a few months ago to win bronze in speed skating; and

WHEREAS, Cle Elum's Patrick Deneen's Olympic dreams crashed to the ground in the moguls jump finals after attempting a daring jump in the pursuit of victory; and

WHEREAS, Leavenworth's Torin Koos, participating in his third Olympics, nearly helped bring the U.S. cross-country ski team its first medal since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Woodinville's Christian Niccum and his teammate Dan Joye finished tops among American Lugers; and

WHEREAS, Bremerton's Bree Schaaf further proved her versatility as an athlete by placing fifth in the bobsleigh after competing in skeleton in previous Olympiads; and

WHEREAS, Blaine's Karen Thatcher scored four goals and recorded three assists as the forward led the Women's Hockey Team to a silver medal; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's Apolo Anton Ohno, claimed three more medals in speed skating to push his career total to eight, making him the most decorated Winter Olympian in U.S. history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and salute the dedication, desire, and natural ability that it takes to become an Olympic athlete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate applaud Washington's own Olympic athletes for their inspiration and contributions to their state and their country.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8712,
adopted by the Senate
March 4, 2010

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate