HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4683, by Representatives Pettigrew, Santos, and Maxwell

WHEREAS, The Rainier Beach Vikings are the 2012 State 3A Boys Basketball Champions, defeating the top-ranked Seattle Prep Panthers 61 - 58; and

WHEREAS, This championship reflects the depth of the hard work of the student athletes at Rainier Beach High School, as well as the ambition, respect, and determination necessary to be a successful team, a championship team; and

WHEREAS, A state championship also reflects the tremendous sacrifices of coaches, teachers, family, and friends, as well as the support of the entire community, and coach Mike Bethea deserves recognition for his excellent coaching and guidance, leading this team of young men to victory; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Prep community, including staff, parents, and students, also came out to show their support for their own team, the Seattle Prep Panthers; and

WHEREAS, This body would like to recognize the efforts and hard work of Rainier Beach junior Marquis Davis, who was subsequently named as the game's Most Valuable Player, and who scored 30 points throughout the course of the championship game, working alongside his teammates to achieve victory; and

WHEREAS, The excellent tradition of continual success reflects the outstanding leadership at the Seattle School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor the Rainier Beach Vikings Boys Basketball Team and the Rainier Beach community for their well-earned championship title, and for their incredible sense of community, pride, and student excellence.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4683 adopted by the House of Representatives March 7, 2012

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk