

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Hargrove and Hatfield

WHEREAS, The 2012 Montesano High School football team withstood adversity in many forms during an improbable eleven-week run leading to the team's third state championship; and

WHEREAS, The Montesano High School football team was beset by the challenges of inexperience and graduation in the opening weeks of the 2012 season, resulting in a 1-2 start and the end of a forty-game league winning streak; and

WHEREAS, A fire at the historic Jack Rottle Stadium grandstands on the night of September 16, 2012, forced the Montesano High School football team to play all but one of its remaining home games on the road; and

WHEREAS, The Montesano players and coaches responded like true champions, winning eleven consecutive games including a 43-28 win over the second-ranked Royal Knights to win the school's third 1A state championship; and

WHEREAS, The Montesano High School football team's season is a testament to the fruits of hard work, determination, and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, The Montesano High School football team members' efforts on the field were mirrored by their success in the classroom, where team members achieved a cumulative 3.5 grade point average and 2012 1A Football State Academic Championship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the tremendous achievement of the Montesano High School football team on its success on the field and in the classroom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Coach Terry Jensen and his staff be commended for their guidance and leadership in helping to shape this group of young men into champions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Montesano be commended for its support and dedication to its sons during their pursuit of a state championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Montesano High School, the Aberdeen Daily World, and Montesano Vidette newspapers.