

SENATE RESOLUTION

8644

By Senators Baumgartner, Billig, Warnick, Hunt, and Padden

1 WHEREAS, The Gonzaga men's basketball team has dominated the
2 March Madness NCAA playoffs and advanced to the Final Four semifinal
3 matchup against South Carolina; and

4 WHEREAS, A Pacific Northwest team has not advanced to the Final
5 Four since Seattle University did it in 1958; and

6 WHEREAS, Gonzaga has developed a culture and tradition of winning
7 beginning with the leadership of coach Dan Fitzgerald, who led the
8 team to its first NCAA appearance in 1995, and continuing with the
9 success of Dan Monson, who brought Gonzaga to its first Elite Eight
10 appearance in 1999; and

11 WHEREAS, Head Coach Mark Few has created a culture of ownership
12 and responsibility built on a unique attention to player development
13 and an attitude of loyalty and persistence; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Few has led the Zags to an NCAA tournament
15 appearance in each of his 17 years as head coach, including fifteen
16 West Coast Conference titles, five Sweet 16 appearances, and one
17 Elite Eight competition; and

18 WHEREAS, Gonzaga has become a national powerhouse and a place
19 where athletes come to be a part of a winning culture and something
20 bigger than themselves; and

21 WHEREAS, Gonzaga demonstrates a high level of student achievement
22 on and off the court, leading the nation with 80 percent of Gonzaga

1 sports teams scoring at the top of the Academic Progress Rate
2 score for academic achievement; and

3 WHEREAS, The Zags outlasted West Virginia in the Sweet 16
4 round and manhandled Xavier in the Elite Eight; and

5 WHEREAS, South Carolina should tremble at having to face the
6 speed and endurance of the mighty Bulldogs this Saturday in the
7 Final Four;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
9 Senate honor the success of the Gonzaga men's basketball team in
10 reaching the Final Four of the NCAA tournament; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate commend Head Coach
12 Mark Few for his leadership in crafting a national powerhouse
13 that is now contending for a national title; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
15 fully support the Gonzaga Bulldogs in their game on Saturday and
16 will be cheering for a victory; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
18 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to
19 Gonzaga University.

20 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
21 do hereby certify that this is a true and
22 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8644,
23 adopted by the Senate
24 March 31, 2017

25 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
26 Secretary of the Senate