

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8653**

By Senator Larry Sheahan

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate supports excellence in all fields of human endeavor; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Garfield-Palouse High School Boys' Basketball Team have shown outstanding and unusual athletic skills at their chosen sport by winning the state's Class B championship for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, The Vikings benefitted from the leadership and example of ten seniors on the varsity team; and

WHEREAS, These seniors led the Garfield-Palouse team to an astounding 27-1 record during the course of the year; and

WHEREAS, Jason Fox, Aaron Elder and Adam Elder made the All-State Team, and four members of the starting five made the First Team, All-County; and

WHEREAS, The Vikings Boys' Basketball Team benefitted from the leadership and support of Principal Skip Wilson, Athletic Director Alli Bennett, Coach Tim Coles, and Assistant Coach Steve Swinney in their bid for athletic excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team and its leadership have brought distinction and pride to Garfield-Palouse High School, its students, its supporters, and the entire Garfield-Palouse community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and congratulate the 2000-2001 Garfield-Palouse High School Boys' Basketball Team for its hard work, dedication to athletic excellence, and maturity in achieving this recognition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the principal of Garfield-Palouse High School and to the coaching staff of the 2000-2001 Garfield-Palouse High School Boys' Basketball Team.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8653, adopted by the Senate March 29, 2001.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate