

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8664**

By Senators Snyder, Constantine, Oke, Johnson, Sheldon, B., Spanel, Regala, Long, Shin, McAuliffe, Franklin, Jacobsen, Patterson, Prentice, Eide and Kohl-Welles

WHEREAS, It is the practice of the Washington State Senate to honor extraordinary achievement in the field of athletics; and

WHEREAS, Since 1889, the University of Washington Huskies Football Team has maintained a winning legacy, the 2000-2001 being no exception to that tradition; and

WHEREAS, Through smart coaching and intense practice, the Huskies lost to only one team this year, earning the University of Washington the PAC-10 championship title and a chance to play in The Granddaddy of 'Em All,- the Eighty Seventh Annual Rose Bowl on January 1; and

WHEREAS, Never losing their Rose Bowl lead, the Huskies, in their fourteenth Rose Bowl appearance, beat the favored Purdue University Boilermakers 34-24, snagging their seventh Rose Bowl title; and

WHEREAS, Filling every quarter of the game with his heroics, Husky Quarterback Marques Tui- Tuiasosopo, who amassed 213 yards and returned to the game after being treated for a sprained shoulder, was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2001 Rose Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating exceptional team spirit, the Huskies dedicated their win to their teammate, Safety No. 25 Curtis Williams, who has shown amazing strength and courage; and

WHEREAS, Coach Rick Neuheisel, who led his own college team to Rose Bowl victory in 1984, and his staff have exemplified leadership and commitment in achieving excellence while promoting unity through athletics; and

WHEREAS, Finishing the season with an 11-1 record, the Huskies rank third among NCAA football teams; and

WHEREAS, Because the Huskies beat the University of Miami, they should actually be ranked second among NCAA football teams;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate, do hereby recognize and acknowledge the University of Washington's commitment to athletic excellence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to University of Washington Athletic Director Barbara Hedges and Football Coach Rick Neuheisel.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8664, adopted by the Senate April 18, 2001.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate