

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1996-8681**

By Senator Cantu

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Senate to recognize excellence in academic and athletic endeavors by our state's youth; and

WHEREAS, It is vital to the future of the state of Washington and the United States of America that young people participate in healthy activities and channel their energies and talents into achieving educational success; and

WHEREAS, During each school year the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) recognizes the academic achievement of high school athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Mercer Island High School Girls' Swim and Dive Team have won the 1995 Fall WIAA Academic Championship in their sport by achieving a team GPA of 3.812; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Mercer Island High School Girls' Cross Country Team have won the 1995 Fall WIAA Academic Championship in their sport by achieving a team GPA of 3.865; and

WHEREAS The Mercer Island High School Girls' Swim and Dive Team has captured the state AAA swimming and diving championship title for four years in a row; and

WHEREAS, The Mercer Island High School Girls' Swim and Dive Team and Girls' Cross Country Team made their families, teachers, coaches, peers and their community proud during their recently concluded seasons; and

WHEREAS, The pride in their achievements shall follow the members of the teams, their families, their school, their community, and all the citizens of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, These accomplishments could not have been achieved without the perseverance and dedication of Swim and Dive Team members Michelle Harper, Colleen Helsel, Kendra Helsel, Annie Hess, Anna Hoard, Jane Humphries, Maya Jones, Chace Kloppenburg, Mollie LeClercq, Heather McClure, Siobhan Nolan, Sarah Shulman, Missi Schmeizer, Kirty Strand, Jenny Vetter, Lauren Williams, Lacey Yantis, Rebecca Youngs and Team Captains Christina Jahncke, Tatum Lipman and Jenny Strasburger; and Cross Country Team members Kasha Bell, Ariel Burnell, Elizabeth Celms, Jessica Connolly, Brittany Kammerer, Molly Kellerher, Dana VanderHouwen and Team Captains Carla Fowler, Elizabeth Howie and Sarah Jarman;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the members of the Mercer Island Girls' Swim and Dive Team and their coaches Frank Ceteznik and Bob Harshbarger, and the members of the Girls' Cross Country Team and their coaches Nile Clarke and Susan Stodden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Mercer Island High School Principal, Dr. Judy Smith, Associate Principal and Athletic Director Craig Olson, and the members and coaches of the Mercer Island High School Girls' Swim and Dive Team and Girls' Cross Country Team.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1996-8681,
adopted by the Senate February 2, 1996.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate