

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1997-8657**

By Senator Morton

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature values and encourages excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Participation in athletics inspires students to develop attitudes and skills necessary for scholastic and life success, such as perseverance, teamwork, loyalty, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, The Republic Tigers Boy's Basketball team is the 1996-97 Class B Basketball Champion; and

WHEREAS, The Tigers have distinguished themselves and brought honor to their school by winning their first-ever state title; and

WHEREAS, Under the coaching and supervision of Rory Rickard the team finished the season with an outstanding 27-4 record; and

WHEREAS, The Tigers repeatedly came from behind to win, showing their never-say-die attitude; and

WHEREAS, This team has deservedly, and through team effort, commitment, and sacrifice, achieved the title of Washington State Class B Basketball Champion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington recognize and honor the Republic Tigers Boy's Basketball team and Coach Rory Rickard for their accomplishments and hard work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Coach Rory Rickard, the members of the Republic Tigers Boy's Basketball team, and the principal and faculty of Republic High School.

I, Mike O'Connell, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1997-8657,
adopted by the Senate April 27, 1997.

MIKE O'CONNELL
Secretary of the Senate