

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8649**

By Senators Roach, Stevens, Franklin and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize and honor the contributions of individuals who reflect standards of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Kosoff has demonstrated outstanding achievement as the highest ranked female weightlifter in the nation and the only American to set a world record since 1992; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Kosoff is a two-time Olympic-style weightlifting national champion, and the first United States woman to clean and jerk twice her body weight; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Kosoff, a remarkable athlete, has dedicated her time and effort to representing Washington State and the United States at the 2000 Olympic Games where women's weightlifting will make its debut; and

WHEREAS, As the founder of the nonprofit organization, the Big Mountain Association, Melanie has demonstrated her commitment to community service by promoting health education and supporting future Olympic hopefuls; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Kosoff will lead the women's national team in its first appearance at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada, in August of 1999;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor the outstanding athletic achievement of Melanie Kosoff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Melanie Kosoff.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8649,
adopted by the Senate March 12, 1999.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate