

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8664**

By Senator Loveland

WHEREAS, On March 13, 1999, the Blue Devils from Walla Walla High School won the State Boys' 4A Basketball Championship for the first time in forty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, The team from Washington's Onion Capital earned its way to the finals after beating three of the state's top-four ranked teams; and

WHEREAS, The Walla Walla players exemplify the very best in student sports by working together on the court, playing basketball with patience, skill, and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, The Tacoma Dome championship venue rang with the echos of cheering fans who traveled 270 miles to support their team; and

WHEREAS, These student-athletes achieved their championship goal by understanding and practicing the values of community, mutual support, and collective effort; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of head coach Jim Thacker, a man who has been at Walla Walla High School for twenty-three years, the athletes learned the importance of discipline, goal-setting, leadership, fitness, and pride;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and give tribute to the achievement reached by the student-athletes and coaches at Walla Walla High School « the 1999 Boys' 4A State Basketball Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate do hereby immediately transmit a copy of this resolution to Walla Walla High School.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8664,
adopted by the Senate April 12, 1999.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate