

SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8708

By Senator Franklin, Goings, Wojahn, Winsley, Rasmussen, Eide, Kohl-Welles, and Oke

WHEREAS, The Pacific Lutheran University Lutes– football team is the 1999 NCAA Division III National Champion, having defeated New Jersey’s Rowan University in a decisive fashion, 42-13 on December 18, 1999; and

WHEREAS, The Lutes entered the championship as the underdogs, but immediately proceeded to defy the oddsmakers and thoroughly dominate the game from start to finish; and

WHEREAS, The guiding force for PLU football is Head Coach Frosty Westering, who has well served a full generation of young men since joining the university in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Coach Westering has been honored as the 1999 Division III National Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

WHEREAS, The 1999 NCAA Division III national title is Coach Westering’s fourth championship, having won the NAIA Division II National Championship three times, in 1980, 1987, and 1993; and

WHEREAS, The Lutes also finished as national runner-up in 1983, 1985, 1991, and 1994; and

WHEREAS, Frosty Westering is truly one of football’s greatest coaches, holding a 36-year collegiate coaching record of two-hundred seventy-seven wins, eighty-four losses, and seven ties, a .762 winning percentage; and

WHEREAS, He is one of a select group of coaches ever to win 250 or more games, a group that includes such names as Paul Bear– Bryant, Charles Pop– Warner, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Joe Paterno, Bobby Bowden, and Tom Osborne; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, no PLU team has ever finished a season with a losing record; and

WHEREAS, The most important and astounding thing about the continuing success of PLU football year after year remains the noticeable lack of a win-at-all-costs attitude, and the overriding sense of caring and support demonstrated by coaches and players toward each other as well as toward their opponents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate do hereby recognize and honor the Pacific Lutheran University football team’s outstanding 1999 season capped by the well-deserved NCAA Division III National Championship, under the leadership and guidance of Head Coach Frosty Westering and his staff; and, even more important, that we recognize and honor the team’s unwavering example of true sportsmanship, humility in victory, graciousness in loss, and a caring for each other and opponents that extends well beyond the field of play; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate do hereby immediately transmit copies of this resolution to Pacific Lutheran University in care of President Loren Anderson, and to Head Coach Frosty Westering, his staff, and his team, the National Champion Lutes.

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8708,
adopted by the Senate February 29, 2000.*

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate