

**SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8737**

By Senators Swecker and Zarelli

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate supports excellence in all fields of human endeavor; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Centralia High School girls' basketball team have exhibited outstanding academic and athletic skill by winning both the Class 3A state academic championship and winning three out of four games at the Class 3A District tournament, qualifying them for the Class 3A State tournament; and

WHEREAS, To win the Class 3A state academic championship, the Tigers achieved the top grade point average of all Class 3A girls' basketball teams in the state with a team average of 3.752;

WHEREAS, The Centralia girls' basketball team, consisting of Andrea Gabler, Lisa Stezaker, Maleah Givens, Ashley Agnew, Callie Sande, Nicole McKinney, Stephanie McKinney, Melanie Hardesty, Leah Hoffman, Molly Parker, Dani McKinney, and Sara Wilcox, achieved this academic excellence, finished 13-2 in Pac-9 play, and are now working their way up the 3A tournament brackets; and

WHEREAS, The Tiger girls' basketball team benefitted from the leadership and support of Principal Jerry Bender, Athletic Director Mary Erickson, Coach Lisa Rakoz, and assistant coaches Henri Weeks and Mark Westley in their bid for academic and athletic championships; and

WHEREAS, The team and its leadership have brought distinction and pride to Centralia High School, its students, its supporters, and the entire community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and congratulate the 1999-2000 Centralia High School girls' basketball team for its hard work, dedication to academic and athletic excellence, and maturity in achieving this recognition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the principal of Centralia High School and to the members and coaching staff of the 1999-2000 Centralia High School girls' basketball team.

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8737,
adopted by the Senate February 28, 2000.*

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate