

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2002-4703, by Representatives Alexander, Hunt, Romero, Skinner and Hankins

WHEREAS, The Evergreen State College launched its basketball program a mere five years ago; and

WHEREAS, In their first four seasons, the Geoducks with their head coach John Barbee have gone to the playoffs and have fielded three NAIA All-Americans; and

WHEREAS, This season, the team has achieved a record of 21-5, 15-1 in Cascade Conference play in the NAIA Division II; and

WHEREAS, The Evergreen State College men have won a school record 16 consecutive games and are ranked sixth in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The team won first place in the Cascade Conference and earned a first-ever berth to the NAIA Division II championship series in Branson, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, The Geoducks have demonstrated their commitment to education with the six seniors on the team set to graduate this spring, and to community service by their lunchtime visits to local elementary and middle schools to bring the joy of athletics to children; and

WHEREAS, The players, coaches, and trainers have distinguished themselves not just on the court but through their sportsmanship, professionalism, and dedication to the spirit of competition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives commend and congratulate The Evergreen State College Geoducks Men's Basketball Program for its considerable achievements and for providing a most entertaining and spirited activity for the community to enjoy and celebrate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives wish them every success in the regional finals in February and at the national tournament in March.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
4703 Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives
March 1, 2002.

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk