

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4652, by Representatives Linville and Ericksen

WHEREAS, The Nooksack Valley Pioneers boys basketball team captured a sensational 56-54 victory to bring home the championship trophy from the recent Washington State 2A tournament; and

WHEREAS, Responding with remarkable composure, the Nooksack Valley team traversed the pressure-cooker competition in Yakima and put the finishing touches on yet another storied Pioneer basketball campaign; and

WHEREAS, Led by their highly respected head coach, Bill Kelly, the Nooksack Valley Pioneers triumphed in a state title contest witnessed by almost 5,000 screaming, screeching, stomping, stamping fans; and

WHEREAS, Assistant coach Scott Nunamaker, Junior Varsity coach TJ Ackerman, and C Team coach Bryan Silves helped engineer a sterling 2002-2003 boys basketball season at Nooksack Valley High School; and

WHEREAS, One newspaper editorialized of the Nooksack Valley conquest in the title that it was "a contest won with sportsmanship, teamwork, and hard work"; and

WHEREAS, The Pioneers all season long deployed a hustling and opportunistic defense in their march to the March 15 state championship victory; and

WHEREAS, Unselfishness at both ends of the court and a fantastic *esprit de corps* throughout the roster made this year's edition of the Nooksack Valley Pioneers a foe to fear for teams all across the Evergreen State; and

WHEREAS, Team members Jason Heutink, Ty Willemsen, Kyle Boon, Kyle Vermeulen, Trent Willemsen, Scott Venn, Phil Silves, Tyler Weirauch, Darin Vinkes, Tim Wells, Ben VanDyken, and Kyle Mitchell and managers Liz Lorette and Kristen Geleynse brought honor and acclaim to Nooksack Valley High School and to the entire Nooksack Valley and Whatcom County community; and

WHEREAS, A large contingent of enthusiastic Nooksack Valley boosters traveled from Northwest Washington to support their basketball sensations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington exalt and acclaim the Nooksack Valley Pioneers for their incredible boys basketball season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the boys basketball coaching staff and the administration at Nooksack Valley High School.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4652 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 9, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk