

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4692, by Representatives Hankins and Delvin

WHEREAS, Athletics are effective means for girls to develop coordination, confidence, camaraderie, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, Achievement in sports contributes to personal growth, increased self-esteem, and the formation of important values such as teamwork, cooperation, communication, and initiative; and

WHEREAS, Perfect endings are hard to come by in team sports and to achieve one, a team needs a solid plan, an iron will, and a few breaks; and

WHEREAS, The Richland Bombers girls' soccer team players achieved a perfect ending by being the dominant girls' All-State soccer squad; and

WHEREAS, The Richland Bombers girls' soccer team players captured their third straight Big Nine district title with a 1-0 win over Kamiakin in November 2003 at Bomber Field giving Head Coach Chris Smith his fifth Big Nine district crown in nine seasons; and

WHEREAS, The Richland Bombers girls' soccer team players went on to win the 4A state championship in November 2003 with a 3-0 victory over Bellarmine Prep; and

WHEREAS, The Richland Bombers girls' soccer team players with Brittney Dugger, a senior forward, and Coach Smith leading the way, achieved a perfect 20-0 season to give Coach Smith his second career 4A Championship title since 1998 and Forward Dugger her first 4A Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Coach Smith who led his team to 35 wins in its past 36 games, including 22 straight in the Big Nine since 2001, received his second Herald coach-of-the-year honor since his 1998 squad, the last 4A team to finish a season undefeated, won the 4A crown behind current U.S. National team goalkeeper Hope Solo; and

WHEREAS, Forward Brittney Dugger, a two-year cocaptain who was able to deal well with pressure, and when double-and-triple-teamed would pass to other players, scored 22 goals last year, led the Big Nine this year with 27 goals and eight assists, and was named Herald All-Area Most Valuable Player for the second straight season; and

WHEREAS, The Richland Bombers girls' soccer team 4A Championship title came on the heels of the Richland boys' 4A title last spring, the first back-to-back titles by a school since the 4A class began in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Coach Smith paid the ultimate compliment to the Richland Bombers girls' soccer team players by saying that up and down the roster, the 2003 team might be the best to wear a Bombers uniform; and

WHEREAS, The Richland Bombers girls' soccer team players are Chanel Plaisted, Lyndsee Landon, Taylor Sinclair, Morgan Ingersoll, Ashley Hofferber, Kristy Gauthier, Caroline Hedel, Liz Silva, Alli Arnold, Hayley McCoy, Suzie Strickler, Kayla McKeirnan, Amber Murri, Lori Conrad, Laura Segall, RaeAnne Carneau, Stephanie Kinion, Alaina Pearson, Tai Swallow, Justine Jones, Ashley Dernbach, and Brittney Dugger; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Smith and Assistant Coaches Octavio Dovalle and Sara Elfering, through their leadership, trust, persistence, and discipline, became role models for their players; and

WHEREAS, The Richland Bombers girls' soccer team players have demonstrated to their classmates that through perseverance and hard work anything is possible; and

WHEREAS, The Richland Bombers girls' soccer team players are a credit to their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and congratulate the Richland High School girls' soccer team for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice in achieving this significant accomplishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the families, friends, teachers, classmates, and community members of the Richland Bombers girls' soccer team players be recognized for their invaluable supportive role in assisting these star athletes achieve their ultimate success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Head Coach Chris Smith, Assistant Coaches Octavio Dovalle and Sara Elfering, Principal Steve Neill, Athletic Director Dan Chubb, and the members of the Richland Bombers girls' soccer team.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4692 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 13, 2004

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk