## SENATE RESOLUTION 8649

By Senators Finkbeiner and Esser

WHEREAS, The Kirkland American Little League is one of the top little league organizations in the country; and

WHEREAS, The Kirkland American Little League has been providing top notch baseball instruction and league play for youngsters from five to twelve years old since 1951; and

WHEREAS, The Kirkland American Little League also organizes and promotes softball teams for girls aged five to sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of Kirkland area children and teens have fond memories of spring and summer days spent playing baseball at Peter Kirk Park in Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, The Kirkland American Little League continues to thrive through the tireless efforts of dozens of parent volunteers, who do everything from running concessions to working as umpires; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland teams have demonstrated success on the field, with two appearances in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The objective of the Kirkland American Little League is to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they may be well-adjusted, stronger, and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Kirkland community will celebrate and support the 2005 little league season through a kickoff parade on Saturday, March 19; and

WHEREAS, Little league baseball continues to be one of America's great pastimes, providing clean, wholesome fun for the whole family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate officially recognize the Kirkland American Little League, and wish the coaches, players, and volunteers the best of luck for the 2005 season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the Board of Directors of the Kirkland American Little League.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8649, adopted by the Senate March 18, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate