

SENATE RESOLUTION
8655

By Senator Schoesler

WHEREAS, The Lind-Ritzville Broncos captured the 2004 Northeast B League football title with a perfect 9-0 record and then proceeded to win three playoff games to reach the state B-11 championship game in the Tacoma Dome last December; and

WHEREAS, The Broncos, ranked second in the state at the time, played in the state championship game against the number one-ranked DeSales Fighting Irish of the Southeast B League; and

WHEREAS, The Broncos fell behind 21-0 against the Fighting Irish before mounting an exciting comeback that was capped by a 75-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Travis Dewald to Jake Phillips in the game's final two minutes to win the state championship game, 25-21, and finish the season with a perfect 13-0 record; and

WHEREAS, Broncos running back Nick Ashley was named B-11 Player of the Year by The Associated Press; and

WHEREAS, Broncos defensive end Jake Kragt was named The Seattle Times B-11 football most valuable player, as well as the Washington Prep Defensive Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jake Kragt also has signed a letter of intent to play football at Eastern Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Jarrod Olson made the Washington Prep first team as a linebacker; and

WHEREAS, Broncos head football coach Mike Lynch earned B-11 Football Coach of the Year honors by The Seattle Times, Washington Prep, and District 7; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lynch ended his 31-year football coaching career at Lind-Ritzville with his second state football title and a record of 215 wins, 93 losses, and two ties; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lynch has been the Ritzville golf coach in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lynch played center for Washington State University's football team from 1968 to 1970, overcoming all odds of being too small and too slow to become a three-year letterman; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lynch began his teaching and coaching career at Castle Rock before moving to Ritzville; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his success as a teacher on the gridiron, the links, and the mats, Coach Lynch also has been an outstanding math and advanced sciences teacher at Ritzville High School for over 30 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the Lind-Ritzville Broncos on their state B-11 football championship and Mike Lynch on his long and successful career as a teacher and coach.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8655,
adopted by the Senate
March 23, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate