

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4707, by Representatives Hunt, Alexander, and Williams

WHEREAS, Lacey's River Ridge High School Hawks girls' basketball team won the state 2-A title in Yakima by defeating the Prosser Mustangs 57-46; and

WHEREAS, River Ridge has won state basketball titles three of the past four years, defeating Ellensburg 43-42 in 2008 and Tumwater 40-25 in 2007; and

WHEREAS, River Ridge's Jennifer Cole scored 16 points and sisters Samira and Jasmine McDonald each scored 11 points in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, The Hawks have appeared in the state title game four consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, The River Ridge Hawks won the Evergreen Conference title with a 26-1 record; and

WHEREAS, River Ridge's Jennifer Cole was named state tournament most valuable player; and

WHEREAS, Samira McDonald was named to the all-tournament team; and

WHEREAS, It was the second state title in three years for four Hawk players—Kelsey Russell, Jennifer Cole, Jasmine McDonald, and Natasha Trinidad; and

WHEREAS, First-year coach Tom Kelly, after coaching 20 years at White Pass, continued the River Ridge dynasty by leading them to the championship; and

WHEREAS, As River Ridge guard Kelsey Russell said, "It feels like all the hard work paid off. It feels so complete...It's just so perfect";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the River Ridge Hawks girls basketball team on winning the 2010 Girls' 2-A basketball championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Coach Tom Kelly and members of the championship team and to North Thurston Public Schools Superintendent Raj Manhas.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4707 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 18, 2010

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk