

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4634, by Representative Pettigrew

WHEREAS, The Rainier Beach High School Vikings men's basketball team won the 2013 state championship in overtime, scoring 62-59 against Lakeside High School in the Tacoma Dome on March 2nd; and

WHEREAS, Rainier Beach finished the year with 25 wins and only four losses, their second state championship in a row, and their sixth title since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Rainier Beach ended the season ranked number 1 in Washington, which they were ranked for much of the year, and 34th nationally; and

WHEREAS, Rainier Beach played Lakeside for the fourth time this year, beating them three times and losing once, and beating Franklin 73-59 in the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, There were four members selected for the very talented Metro All-Conference teams, including Washington State 3A Basketball Player of the Year Anrio Adams; and

WHEREAS, Rainier Beach High School Vikings men's basketball team has been a dominant force in Washington State high school basketball for the last two decades and has displayed outstanding sportsmanship through its success, advancing many players on to play college basketball and several players into the NBA; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike "Falcon Eddie" Bethea won his Washington state record sixth state basketball championship since taking over during the 1993-1994 season, making him one of the most successful basketball coaches in Washington State history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join and congratulate the members of the 2013 Rainier Beach High School Vikings men's basketball team for their success this year in winning the Men's Basketball 3A state championship and for their continued success.