

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4635, by Representatives Parker, Holy, Riccelli, Manweller, Ormsby, Fagan, Schmick, and Dent

1 WHEREAS, Under the instruction, guidance, and leadership of Head
2 Coach Jim Hayford and his staff, the 2014-15 Eastern Washington
3 University men's basketball team joined the 2003-04 squad in
4 advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in the Division
5 I era; and

6 WHEREAS, The Eagles finished 26-9 overall, the team's most
7 victories in a season since becoming an NCAA Division I member in the
8 1983-84 season; and

9 WHEREAS, In beating the University of Montana 69-65 in the Big
10 Sky Conference Tournament Championship game, Eastern won the title
11 game for the first time since 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, The Eagles finished 4-0 in the 2014-15 season in
13 Missoula, including going 3-0 in the 2015 Big Sky Conference
14 Tournament; and

15 WHEREAS, In sharing the league title with the University of
16 Montana, Eastern won its third regular season league title in 28
17 years as a member of the Big Sky Conference; and

18 WHEREAS, The 14-4 league mark for Eastern Washington University
19 exceeded the school record for Big Sky wins in a season, breaking the
20 previous mark set in the 1999-00 season when the Eagles were 12-4;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Junior Tyler Harvey became the first Eagle to ever lead
23 the NCAA Division I in scoring, with an average of 23.1 points per

1 game, closed the year with Big Sky and Eastern Washington University
2 single season records for season 3-pointers with 128, and made a
3 school record and ranked fourth in league history with his 738
4 points; and

5 WHEREAS, Eastern Washington University's heart-stopping 88-86
6 victory at Big Ten Conference member Indiana University on November
7 24, 2014, will go down as one of the greatest victories in school
8 history after the Eagles snapped the nation's third-longest non-
9 conference home court winning streak at 43 in front of 11,636 Hoosier
10 fans at Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Indiana; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to their success on the court, the Eagles
12 team attained a 3.20 grade point average during winter quarter, while
13 also being honored by the Spokane City Council for their involvement
14 as mentors for 5th graders at Whitman Elementary School; and

15 WHEREAS, These extraordinary achievements would not have been
16 possible without the unequivocal support of Eastern Washington
17 University's Board of Trustees, presidential leadership from Dr. Mary
18 Cullinan, and the encouragement of the Eastern Washington University
19 student body, faculty, staff, alumni, family, friends, community
20 members, benefactors, and fans;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
22 honor the highest level of excellence in achievement shown by the
23 Eastern Washington University men's basketball team and the shining
24 example of inspiration such achievements have set for others; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
26 recognize the value and dedication of student athletes; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
28 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
29 Representatives to the President of Eastern Washington University,
30 the Athletic Director of Eastern Washington University, the coach of
31 the Eastern Washington University Eagles, and to each Eastern
32 Washington University men's basketball team member.

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