

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4640, by Representative Parker

1 WHEREAS, The Gonzaga University Men's Basketball Team completed
2 the NCAA Division I 2014-15 season with a record of 35-3 (a GU record
3 for wins), claiming the West Coast Conference Regular-season
4 Championship and the West Coast Conference Tournament Championship;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Team made its 17th straight NCAA Tournament
7 appearance, reaching the Elite Eight before being defeated by the
8 eventual national champions; and

9 WHEREAS, Individual team members and coaches have been
10 distinguished with accolades and awards including Kevin Pangos - WCC
11 Player of the Year; Gary Bell, Jr. - WCC Defender of the Year; Kyle
12 Wiltjer - WCC Newcomer of the Year; Przemek Karnowski - First Team
13 All-WCC; Mark Few - WCC Coach of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, Head coach Mark Few has amassed 437 wins in just 16
15 years, against 103 losses, an 80.9 winning percentage, the highest
16 among active Division I college coaches; and

17 WHEREAS, The Gonzaga University Women's Basketball Team completed
18 its NCAA Division I 2014-15 season with a 26-8 record, earning the
19 West Coast Conference Regular-season Championship, their 11th
20 straight title; and

21 WHEREAS, The team made its 7th straight trip to the NCAA
22 Tournament, reaching the Sweet 16, finishing the season ranked number
23 19 in the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, Two players were named First Team All-WCC: Sunny
2 Greinacher and Elle Tinkle; five players have been named to the WCC
3 All-Academic team: Sunny Greinacher; Elle Tinkle; Shelby Cheslek;
4 Shaniqua Nilles; and Lindsay Sherbert; and

5 WHEREAS, First-year head coach Lisa Fortier was named WCC Co-
6 Coach of the Year and NCAA Division I Rookie Coach of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the past five years, 100 percent of men's and
8 women's seniors on Gonzaga University basketball teams have
9 graduated;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
11 express its thanks and appreciation to the players, coaches, staff,
12 and fans of Gonzaga University basketball for their competitive
13 spirit and inspirational efforts; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
15 recognize the value of the example set by these players as student-
16 athletes, and the fun and excitement of collegiate athletics as a
17 reflection of community pride and support for young people
18 everywhere; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
20 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
21 Representatives to the President of Gonzaga University and the
22 Governor of the State of Washington.

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