

SENATE RESOLUTION
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1 WHEREAS, Throughout history women have strived to gain equality,
2 and the Senate recognizes that struggle and honors the determination
3 of women to be given equal stature in our society; and

4 WHEREAS, In their work to gain equality, women and girls have
5 shown great strength, motivation, discipline, and leadership in their
6 athletic accomplishments, using athletic programs not only to
7 highlight women's and girls' outstanding athletic talents, but also
8 to assist them in gaining life skills that can be used in their
9 careers; and

10 WHEREAS, Athletics are an important tool to teach communication,
11 teamwork, dedication, cooperation, and patience, and with this
12 experience, women become more successful leaders and citizens
13 throughout Washington State; and

14 WHEREAS, We encourage the people of our state to give women and
15 girls equal respect and representation throughout media outlets in
16 order to celebrate their exceptional athletic performance; and

17 WHEREAS, At a young age, there are many girls who have
18 outstanding athletic ability, and in Washington, there are many high
19 schools that develop those exceptional qualities of young women
20 athletes, including state basketball champions Gonzaga Preparatory
21 School, Cleveland High School, W.F. West High School, Lynden
22 Christian High School, Colfax High School, and Colton High School;
23 state wrestling champion Warden High School; state golf champions

1 Bellarmine Preparatory School, Mt. Spokane High School, Bellingham
2 High School, King's High School, and St. George's School; state track
3 and field champions Federal Way High School, Kamiakin High School,
4 Sehome High School, King's High School, Colfax High School, and Mount
5 Vernon Christian School; state softball champions Puyallup High
6 School, Kamiakin High School, Lake Washington High School, Elma High
7 School, Toutle Lake High School, and Colton High School; state tennis
8 champions Garfield High School, Mercer Island High School, Sehome
9 High School, and Forest Ridge School; state cross country champions
10 Camas High School, Holy Names Academy, Sehome High School, Lakeside
11 School, and Northwest Christian High School; volleyball state
12 champions Bellarmine Preparatory School, Auburn Riverside High
13 School, Tumwater High School, Lynden Christian High School, Colfax
14 High School, and Pomeroy High School; state soccer champions Central
15 Valley High School, Edmonds-Woodway High School, Squalicum High
16 School, Klahowya Secondary School, and Crosspoint Academy; state
17 cheer champions Juanita High School, Union High School, Selah High
18 School, Kentwood High School, Hockinson High School, Bethel High
19 School, Meadowdale High School, Skyline High School, and Richland
20 High School; state bowling champions Battle Ground High School,
21 Wilson High School, and Bremerton High School; state gymnastics
22 champions Woodinville High School and Kamiakin High School; state
23 dance and drill champions Eastlake High School, Moses Lake High
24 School, Pasco High School, Decatur High School, Tumwater High School,
25 Hanford High School, Lake Washington High School, Hazen High School,
26 Capital High School, and Montesano High School; and

27 WHEREAS, There are also a large number of exceptional athletes in
28 our higher education programs that show great commitment and
29 character throughout collegiate athletics; and

30 WHEREAS, At Seattle University, the women's cross country team
31 won the 2014 Western Athletic Conference Women's Cross Country
32 Championship, which was the Redhawk's first Division I conference
33 title in the history of the school's cross country program; the
34 women's rowing team's Novice 8+ boat, in only their second year as a
35 Division I team, finished second at the Western Intercollegiate
36 Rowing Association Championships; the women's tennis program earned
37 their first spots at the United States Tennis Association/
38 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Women's Northwest Regional
39 Championships since the rebirth of the school's tennis program six
40 years ago; Joan Bonvincini is one of the winningest coaches in

1 Division I women's basketball history, nearing 700 wins; Dorsey
2 Addicks, a member of the golf team, qualified for the United States
3 Women's Amateur Championship; women's soccer defeated Washington
4 State University in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, marking
5 the team's first ever Division I tournament postseason win; and
6 Stephanie Verdoia, women's soccer senior captain, received a number
7 of national awards, including Academic All-American of the Year for
8 Division I women's soccer, the Senior CLASS Award, and selection by
9 Third-Team All-America, and was recently drafted by the National
10 Women's Soccer League's Boston Breakers; and

11 WHEREAS, At Western Washington University, track and field
12 members Bethany Drake and Katie Reichert placed one-two in the
13 women's javelin at the NCAA Division II National Track & Field
14 Championships; Carmen Dolfo's team won the 500th game of her 24-year
15 career and became the first women's basketball coach in the Pacific
16 Northwest to achieve that distinction at a four-year university;
17 Katelyn Steen of the women's cross country team finished fifth at the
18 Women's Cross Country Nationals and captured both the Great Northwest
19 Athletic Conference and NCAA Division II West Regional individual
20 titles in cross country; women's soccer defender Brianna Jones was
21 named to three All-America teams; Kim Cooper of the soccer team was
22 named the 2014 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Defensive Player
23 of the Year; volleyball team member Samantha Hutchinson was named an
24 American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American and Great
25 Northwest Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year, for the
26 third straight season for both; the Vikings rowing team won the
27 varsity four race at nationals and Emily Little of the rowing team
28 was named a Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Pocock All-
29 American; women's softball player Alexie Levin was honored with the
30 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year award; and
31 golf player Kristen Hansen was named Great Northwest Athletic
32 Conference Player of the Year and competed at regionals; and

33 WHEREAS, At the University of Puget Sound, the women's soccer
34 team won its 13th consecutive Northwest Conference title and returned
35 to the Division III NCAA Tournament; soccer player Amalia Acorda-Fey
36 was named Northwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year and was a
37 member of the All-NWC First Team and National Soccer Coaches
38 Association of America All-West Region First Team; women's track and
39 field player Allannah Whitehall qualified to race in the 2014 Division
40 III NCAA Championship and was a member of the winning relay team at

1 the Northwest Conference Championships; women's basketball player
2 Amanda Forshay was one of ten NCAA Division III women's basketball
3 players selected to travel throughout Brazil to compete against the
4 country's top club teams, was named to the All-NWC First Team, and
5 was the Pacific Northwest Tournament MVP with the Loggers' victory in
6 that tournament; and Melissa Norish of the women's swimming team was
7 named Northwest Conference Swimmer of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, At the University of Washington, the women's basketball
9 team won 11 straight games for the first time since 1990 and made two
10 straight wins over top 5 teams; the women's golf team ended the fall
11 season ranked number 1 in the nation; Soo-Bin Kim of the golf team
12 ended the fall season as the number 1 ranked individual collegiate
13 golfer and went on to earn her Ladies Professional Golf Association
14 Tour Card; Freshman Jing Yan of the golf team won her second
15 collegiate tournament, earned partial Ladies Professional Golf
16 Association status, and turned pro; the women's softball team
17 advanced to Super Regionals for the seventh consecutive year;
18 Victoria Hayward, Hooch Fagaly, and Kylee Lahners were selected as
19 National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American Players; Megan
20 Kufeld of the women's soccer team was named to the Capital One
21 Academic All-American third team; and volleyball player Krista
22 Vansant was named the Academic All-American Player of the Year and
23 won the Honda Award for the National Player of the Year for the
24 second year in a row; and

25 WHEREAS, At Pacific Lutheran University, women's basketball and
26 track and field player Samantha Potter was named the Northwest
27 Conference Female Athlete of the Year; the women's volleyball and
28 swimming teams were Northwest Conference champions; and sixty-three
29 female student athletes were named Northwest Conference Scholar
30 Athletes for their outstanding academic achievements; and

31 WHEREAS, At Whitworth University, the women's volleyball team was
32 Northwest Conference Champions and appeared in the NCAA Division III
33 tournament for the sixth time in school history; volleyball player
34 Maddye Dismore was named the Northwest Conference Player of the Year
35 and was named to the First-Team All-West Region team by the American
36 Volleyball Coaches Association; volleyball coach Kati Bodecker was
37 named Northwest Conference Coach of the Year; the women's basketball
38 team continued as the Northwest Conference tournament champions;
39 basketball player Kayla Johnson was selected to the 2014 Division III
40 Coaches' All-American Team by the Women's Basketball Coaches

1 Association; cross country team members Amanda Blankenship, Kellyn
2 Roiko, Kristen Schoenike, and Jess Arnzen all earned NCAA Division
3 III All-West Region honors; Jackie Beal of the women's swimming team
4 qualified and competed in the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving
5 Championship; and track and field team members Kerry Wright, Dakota
6 Kliamovich, and Courtney Fairhart earned outdoor All-American Honors
7 in javelin, hammer throw, and discus; and

8 WHEREAS, At Seattle Pacific University, women's gymnast Maria
9 Hundley won three national championships including a gold medal for
10 the vault, uneven bars, and balance beam; gymnast Kai Tindall won the
11 floor exercise national championship in women's gymnastics; track and
12 field member McKayla Frickner was the 900-meter champion at the NCAA
13 Division II Track and Field Championship; the women's soccer team won
14 its second straight Great Northwest Athletic Conference Tournament
15 Championship; and soccer team member Isabel Farrell was voted the
16 2014 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year and
17 received Second-Team All-American honors; and

18 WHEREAS, At Eastern Washington University, women's basketball
19 players Haley Hodgins, Melissa Williams, Jade Redmond, Lexie Nelson,
20 Aubry Ashenfelter, Marly Anderson, Bethany Montgomery, Hanna Mack,
21 and Kylie Huerta all received Big Sky All-Academic Team honors; Haley
22 Hodgins also received the Frances B. Huston Medallion and the All-Big
23 Sky honorable mention; Lexie Nelson received All-Big Sky First Team
24 honors; women's cross country members Lauren Brewington, Acacia
25 Smith, Brittney Swanson, Paula Gil-Echevarria, Mayra Chavez, Katie
26 Lynch, Amber Core, Michaela Chucka, and Rachel Hatcher all received
27 Big Sky All-Academic Team honors; women's soccer players Cassie
28 Black, Briann Brannan, Siara Byers, Katie Cashman, Caitlin Hepworth,
29 Jackie Rodger, Nathalie Schwery, Torri Sitzman, Haley Stading, Kayla
30 Sutter, Jessica Wallace, Shayla Weiler, Ua Ruedy, Sheridan Becanic,
31 Hailie McClure, Katy Allen, and Nicole Medeirosall received Big Sky
32 All-Academic Team honors; women's soccer player Cassie Black earned
33 preseason All-Big Sky Second Team honors from College Sports Madness
34 and received All-Big Sky First Team honors; and soccer player Chloe
35 Williams received All-Big Sky First Team honors and earned All-Big
36 Sky Second Team honors from College Sports Madness; and

37 WHEREAS, At Washington State University, rowing team member
38 Nicole Hare was awarded a place on the 2014 Pocock All-American
39 Second Team and All-Pac-12 Conference First Team; women's track and
40 field team member Charolette Muschamp was the Pacific-12 Conference

1 Women's High Jump Champion; soccer player Jordan Branch was a part of
2 the Pac-12 Conference All-Freshman Team; tennis player Elizaveta
3 Luzina was awarded the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Northwest
4 Region 2014 Cissie Leary Award for Sportsmanship; the soccer team
5 reached the NCAA Championship for the fourth straight season; the
6 women's basketball team reached the Pacific-12 Tournament semifinal
7 round for the second time in the last three years and was selected
8 for the Women's National Invitation tournament; swimmers Emma
9 Johansson, Alison Mand, Shaya Schaedler, and Presley Wetterstorm were
10 Pacific-12 All-Academic First Team members; women's track and field
11 senior Ruby Roberts set school record times in the 5,000 meter and
12 3,000 meter events, and was named to the 2014 Capital One All-
13 Academic District 8 Women's Cross Country/Track & Field Team
14 presented by the College Sports Information Directors of America;
15 cross country runner Abby Regan finished ninth at the Pacific-12
16 Cross Country Championships; and head tennis coach Lisa Hart had her
17 141st win at Washington State University, giving her the most
18 coaching wins in the university's tennis history; and

19 WHEREAS, At The Evergreen State College, volleyball player Kelsey
20 Delagrange was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
21 Scholar-Athlete for the 2014 season; three players on the women's
22 basketball team combined won five Cascade Collegiate Conference
23 Player of the Week awards; and the college will host a women's
24 basketball conference playoff game for the first time in program
25 history; and

26 WHEREAS, At Central Washington University, volleyball player
27 Catie Fry was given the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-
28 American, Great Northwest Athletic Conference All-Conference, All-
29 West Region, and Academic All-Conference awards; volleyball player
30 Linden Firethorne was named All-GNAC by the Great Northwest Athletic
31 Conference; cross country runner Dani Eggleston and Megan Rogers both
32 received awards for All-Region and Academic All-Conference; cross
33 country runner Connie Morgan was given the All-American, All-Region,
34 and Academic All-Conference awards; women's soccer player Mackenzie
35 Notle was given the All-West Region and All-GNAC award; soccer player
36 Hadli Farrand was given the All-GNAC and Academic All-Conference
37 awards; the women's cross country team finished 18th in the nation
38 during their 2014 season; and the women's volleyball team made it to
39 the NCAA Division II West Regional Tournament; and

1 WHEREAS, The Senate would like to honor professional women's
2 teams throughout our state and their great accomplishments; and

3 WHEREAS, The Oly Rollers are currently the reigning USA Roller
4 Sports regional and national champions in roller derby; are ranked
5 number 20 out of 700 teams worldwide in the Women's Flat Track Derby
6 Association; and are not only outstanding athletes but, as mothers,
7 sisters, and aunts, are also role models to young women athletes—one
8 of the player's daughters, Gabby Lewis, is an active hockey and
9 volleyball player, ballet and hip-hop dancer, speed skater, and
10 football participant; another daughter of a player, Kaylee Logan, is
11 a 4.0 student at Yelm Middle School, a player in the Ladies World
12 Rink Hockey Team, which won nationals in 2014, and is now a part of
13 the USA Team; and another daughter of a player, Gabriella Charneski,
14 is an 11 year old attending St. Michael School in Olympia, and won
15 national titles in 2014 in the U12 and U10 division of roller hockey;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Rat City Rollers All-Star team fought its way
18 through to the Women's Flat Track Derby Association Championships and
19 finished 16th in the world; had a member of the team, Lacey Ramon, on
20 Team USA at the Roller Derby World Cup; and has members of the
21 organization who coach several roller derby teams and support over
22 ten charities every month; and

23 WHEREAS, The Everett Reign made the playoffs in their second
24 season and had eight All-American players; had player Courtney Curdy
25 be a runner-up for the Women's Football Association Rookie of the
26 Year award and nominee as a Women's Football Association All-
27 American; and has player Brooklyn Holton also in training with the
28 USA Women's bobsled team; and

29 WHEREAS, The Seattle Reign went their first 16 games of the 2014
30 season unbeaten, setting a new league record; received the National
31 Women's Soccer League Shield, which is awarded to the team with the
32 best record at the end of the regular season, and advanced to the
33 National Women's Soccer League Championship game; had head coach and
34 general manager Laura Harvey named National Women's Soccer League
35 Coach of the Year; had player Kim Little awarded the Golden Boot,
36 given to the player who scores the most goals during the regular
37 season, and named the National Women's Soccer League's Most Valuable
38 Player; had players Kendall Fletcher, Jess Fishlock, and Nahomi
39 Kawasumi nominated for the National Women's Soccer League Best XI

1 team; and had players Hope Solo, Lauren Barnes, and Stephanie Cox
2 named to the Second XI team; and

3 WHEREAS, The Seattle Majestics made it to the third round of
4 playoffs in the 2014 season and took home two major league awards,
5 the Owners of the Year award, to team owners Scott and Shanna
6 McCaron, and the Rookie of the Year award, to player Toakase Tukutau;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Seattle Storm played the franchise's 15th season in
9 2014, with Sue Bird, who is known as the best point guard in the
10 world, playing her 13th season with the Women's National Basketball
11 Association, and Temeka Johnson recording a triple-double—the only
12 active Women's National Basketball Association player to do so since
13 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, While not every women athlete wins championships or
15 trophies, every athlete gives it their all, and we honor their
16 exceptional performance;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
18 honor and recognize women athletes as a vital part of our state on
19 March 6, 2015, noting that these women, with their outstanding
20 athletic ability and academic achievements, are an indispensable part
21 of making this state such a wonderful place to live; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
23 transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to all of the
24 aforementioned athletes and their respective institutions.

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