

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4645, by Representatives Riccelli, Shea, Pellicciotti, Holy, Volz, Rodne, Nealey, Ormsby, MacEwen, Steele, Stonier, Sells, Kilduff, Ryu, McCaslin, Kristiansen, Orwall, Chapman, Lovick, Santos, Dolan, Orcutt, Reeves, Gregerson, Johnson, Senn, Slatter, Frame, and Harris

1 WHEREAS, The Gonzaga University men's basketball team completed  
2 the NCAA Division 1 2016-2017 season with 37 victories, a feat only  
3 nine teams have accomplished, and advanced to the National  
4 Championship matchup against North Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, A Pacific Northwest team has not advanced to the  
6 championship since 1958; and

7 WHEREAS, Head Coach Mark Few earned the title of 2017 Naismith  
8 and Associated Press Men's College Coach of the Year; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Few has led the Zags into the NCAA tournament in  
10 each of his 17 years as head coach. Coach Few's other accomplishments  
11 include fifteen West Coast Conference titles, five Sweet 16  
12 appearances, two Elite Eight competitions, one Final Four matchup,  
13 and a National Championship game; and

14 WHEREAS, The 2016-2017 Gonzaga men's basketball team had the best  
15 defense in the nation, and won more games and scored more points than  
16 any previous Gonzaga team; and

17 WHEREAS, Gonzaga earned multiple number one rankings, including  
18 first in the ESPN Basketball Power Index, as well as a number 1 seed  
19 for the NCAA Tournament; and

20 WHEREAS, Gonzaga University student athletes have the third-  
21 highest Graduation Success Rate among all Division I schools in the  
22 nation; and

1 WHEREAS, Gonzaga's Nigel Williams-Goss was selected to the Wooden  
2 Award's 10-player All-America team and also received the Elite 90  
3 Award for being the top academic achiever of any player in the Final  
4 Four; and

5 WHEREAS, Gonzaga's Przemek Karnowski finished his career as the  
6 NCAA Division I's all-time wins leader with 137, won the Kareem  
7 Abdul-Jabbar Award, and made the WCC All-Academic team; and

8 WHEREAS, Gonzaga has repeatedly committed to a culture of  
9 sportsmanship, academic excellence, and dedicated performance on the  
10 court; and

11 WHEREAS, The Zags' reputation as a team of close, resilient, and  
12 elite athletes made them a dominating powerhouse all the way to the  
13 National Championship game; and

14 WHEREAS, These extraordinary achievements have been supported by  
15 the community of Gonzaga University student body, faculty, staff,  
16 alumni, friends, family, benefactors, and fans from throughout the  
17 State of Washington; and

18 WHEREAS, The raucous Kennel Club, Gonzaga's famed student  
19 section, has helped the Zags men's basketball team to a record of 177  
20 wins at home, and traveled near and far in large numbers to support  
21 their team;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
23 express its thanks and great pride to the players, coaches, staff,  
24 and fans of Gonzaga University basketball for their excellence in  
25 achievement both on and off the court; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
27 recognize the value and dedication of student athletes and the  
28 excitement and energy of collegiate athletics as a reflection of  
29 community pride and support; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
31 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
32 Representatives to the President of Gonzaga University, the Athletic  
33 Director of Gonzaga University, the coach of the Gonzaga University  
34 Bulldogs men's basketball team, and to each team member.

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36 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
37 Resolution 4645 adopted by the House of Representatives

38 April 19, 2017

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk