

SENATE RESOLUTION

8655

By Senator Baumgartner

1 WHEREAS, The 2016 college football season was the Year of the
2 Receiver in the state of Washington with an unprecedented level of
3 talent and accomplishment among wide receivers at Washington's NCAA
4 Division I schools; and

5 WHEREAS, This group of superstars is on its way to a big future
6 in professional football beginning with the upcoming NFL draft; and

7 WHEREAS, Kendrick Bourne recorded career stats at Eastern
8 Washington University that are in the top seven in school history;
9 Kendrick received All-Big Sky Conference honors three times, was
10 selected to the Hero Sports FCS All-American team, and earned a
11 selection to the NFL Players Association Bowl; and

12 WHEREAS, Shaq Hill broke the Eastern Washington University career
13 kickoff return record, became the second Eagle ever to letter in four
14 playoff years, recorded the third most all-purpose yards in school
15 history, and was selected to the Hero Sports FCS All-American team;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp set 29 records at Eastern Washington
18 University, 11 in the conference and 15 in the FCS while earning
19 four-time consensus FCS All-American honors, three-time Academic All-
20 American honors, three offensive player of the year awards, the
21 Walter Payton Award, and the Jerry Rice Award as a freshman; and

22 WHEREAS, The trio of Bourne, Hill, and Kupp combined for 817
23 catches, 12,412 yards, and 132 touchdowns; and

1 WHEREAS, River Cracraft became the second most prolific
2 receiver in Washington State University's 124 year college
3 football history, establishing himself as one of the top 20 most
4 successful receivers in Pac-12 history while appearing twice on
5 the Biletnikoff Award watch list and receiving the Laurie Niemi
6 Award from his team for his courage and determination; and

7 WHEREAS, Gabe Marks holds the Washington State University
8 record for most career receiving yards and holds the Pac-12
9 record for most receptions, which he achieved while earning
10 back-to-back All-Pac-12 honors and team offensive MVP awards;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dante Pettis set the University of Washington
13 school record for punt return touchdowns and was selected by The
14 Sporting News as an All-American punt returner and achieved All-
15 Pac-12 honors as both a receiver and an academic while recording
16 the seventh most receiving touchdowns in the nation in 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, John Ross recorded receiving figures that are in
18 the top four in University of Washington's history, placed third
19 in the nation for receiving touchdowns, received multiple All-
20 American and All-Pac-12 honors, made it to the semifinals for
21 the Biletnikoff Award, and blew the socks off scouts at the NFL
22 Combine with a record 4.22 40-yard dash time; and

23 WHEREAS, No group of receivers from the state of Washington
24 has achieved so much, recording 1,551 receptions, 20,633 yards,
25 and 211 touchdowns combined;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
27 Senate honor the staggering achievements of Kendrick Bourne,
28 Shaq Hill, Cooper Kupp, River Cracraft, Gabe Marks, Dante
29 Pettis, and John Ross as athletes, leaders, and academics; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each of these athletes carry
31 the support and encouragement of the Washington State Senate
32 into their future careers as professionals; and

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2016 college football
34 season in Washington be remembered as the "Year of the Receiver"
35 because of the unprecedented accomplishments of this class of
36 receivers.

37 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,

1 do hereby certify that this is a true and
2 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8655,
3 adopted by the Senate
4 April 13, 2017

5 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
6 Secretary of the Senate