

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Ranker

1 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Head Coach Travis Connell, the
2 Western Washington University Womens Soccer team achieved athletic
3 greatness by winning the 2016 NCAA Division II National Championship,
4 defeating three-time defending champion Grand Valley State by a score
5 of 3-2 in the championship game; and

6 WHEREAS, This accomplishment marked the 10th team national
7 championship in Western Washington University's distinguished
8 history; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout the course of the season, Western's Womens
10 Soccer team accomplished an undefeated record 24-0-1, including a 24-
11 game winning streak, and setting a record for the most wins in a
12 season ever by a collegiate soccer team from the State of Washington;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to becoming national champions, Western's
15 Womens Soccer team won the Great Northwest Athletic Conference
16 regular season title for the fifth consecutive season and earned the
17 No. 1 national ranking for the first time in program history; and

18 WHEREAS, Earning a national championship in team sports requires
19 a unified team effort, and as an indication of such, Western's Womens
20 Soccer team tied the GNAC conference record with 17 shutouts and 19
21 players on the team scored at least one goal over the course of the
22 season; and

1 WHEREAS, The Western Womens Soccer team exemplified what it means
2 to be student-athletes by achieving both academic and athletic
3 success, as highlighted by five players being named to the GNAC
4 conference All-Academic Team; and

5 WHEREAS, The accomplishments and sportsmanship of Western's
6 Womens Soccer team on the national stage generates pride and
7 positively impacts the university, alumni, and communities throughout
8 the State of Washington;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
10 recognize and honor the Western Washington University Womens Soccer
11 team for an outstanding 2016 season that culminated in a well-
12 deserved NCAA Division II National Championship, under the guidance
13 of Head Coach Travis Connell and his staff; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
15 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Western
16 Washington University President, Sabah Randhawa; and to Head Coach
17 Travis Connell, his staff, and the players of the national
18 championship team.

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