

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Holy

1 WHEREAS, Washington state is enriched and vitalized by the
2 meaningful contributions of the students, faculty, staff, and alumni
3 of Eastern Washington University; and

4 WHEREAS, The Eastern Washington University Athletics Department
5 is an integral component of the university by emphasizing that
6 student-athletes are, primarily, students; and

7 WHEREAS, The Athletics Department sponsors 14 intercollegiate
8 sports, six for men and eight for women, with all offering unique
9 opportunities for the personal growth of the university's most
10 athletically talented students; and

11 WHEREAS, Eastern Washington University is a member of the Big Sky
12 Conference, an association of 13 regional schools from eight
13 different states of comparable academic caliber and enrollment,
14 affiliated with the NCAA's Division I in football; and

15 WHEREAS, The Eastern Washington University football team
16 exhibited extraordinary athletic and academic achievement during its
17 2018 season in being awarded the 16th annual Big Sky Conference
18 Presidents' Cup for the third time in four years for athletic and
19 academic excellence, maintaining a collective 3.15 accumulative GPA;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The team's notable record of 12-3 for the 2018 season
22 earned the Eagles the Big Sky Conference co-championship, and Eastern

1 Head Coach Aaron Best was named Big Sky Conference Co-Coach of the
2 Year, as well as the Hero Sports FCS Coach of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, The Eastern Washington University football team proudly
4 represented the state of Washington at the national level by reaching
5 the NCAA Division I FCS Football Championship game in Frisco, Texas,
6 on January 5, 2019, and rallied supporters from every region of our
7 state in solidarity with Eastern Washington University, which does so
8 much to enrich the communities, culture, and economy of Washington
9 state;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
11 honor the Eastern Washington University football team and Head Coach
12 Aaron Best upon their triumphs as a team of student athletes, and
13 commend their success, leadership, and hard work during their 2018
14 season; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
16 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Eastern
17 Washington University.

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