

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2007-4643, by Representative DeBolt

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognizes excellence in all forms of endeavors; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, March 3, 2007, the Mossyrock Vikings, lead by coach Gary Stamper, showed excellence by capturing the Class 2B Girls Basketball State Championship; and

WHEREAS, With just 1.9 seconds remaining, Lexi Belcher incredibly made two free throws, as the Mossyrock Vikings battled back from a nine-point halftime deficit to defeat the LaSalle Lightning 47-46 in the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, Four Mossyrock Vikings players scored in double-figures in the Vikings' potent offense, led by 19 points from 5'11" Viking guard Lexi Belcher; and

WHEREAS, As a team the Mossyrock Vikings made nine 3-pointers while the Waterville Shockers shot just 1-9 from a three-point land; and

WHEREAS, Waterville head coach Dick Stoddard said, "That Belcher girl is a player...the most athletic guard we've seen in two years (at the state championships). She's got great body control...she's the total package"; and

WHEREAS, Waterville head coach Dick Stoddard was also impressed with the rest of Mossyrock's core players too, saying, "They've got a well-balanced team...if you left anybody open, they were able to score"; and

WHEREAS, After cutting down the net, Mossyrock guard Sarah Petrino said, "It is a dream come true...we worked our entire lives for this and finally got it"; and

WHEREAS, When the clock ran out the crowd went wild with ecstatic Mossyrock fans chanting, "We're number one! We're number one!"; and

WHEREAS, The Mossyrock High School Vikings Basketball Team members, coaches, family, friends, teachers, and neighbors all share in the outstanding success of the Vikings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize and honor Mossyrock Vikings Team Members and Coaches for their exceptional accomplishment in winning the Class 2B Girls Basketball State Championship in March 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Mossyrock Vikings team coach Gary Stamper and the Mossyrock High School Principal Jim Forrest.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4643 adopted by the House of Representatives  
March 13, 2007

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk