

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Holy and King

1 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was born and raised in Yakima, and is the
2 son of former Pacific Lutheran University and National Football
3 League quarterback Craig Kupp and is the grandson of former NFL
4 offensive lineman Jake Kupp; and

5 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp played football at Davis High School in
6 Yakima, earning class 4A all-state honors as a defensive back and
7 state honorable-mention honors as a receiver in his senior year, and
8 later helped lead the Davis Pirates to the state 4A title in boys'
9 basketball as a senior; and

10 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp received only two scholarship offers to play
11 college football - one from Idaho State University and the other from
12 Eastern Washington University; and

13 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp chose to play football for Eastern
14 Washington University, finishing his college career with 428
15 receptions, 6,464 yards, and 73 touchdowns, setting NCAA Division I
16 Football Championship Subdivision career records for receptions,
17 receiving yards, and touchdown receptions; and

18 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was a two-time Big Sky Conference Offensive
19 Player of the Year and a four-time first-team FCS All-American; and

20 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp won the 2013 Jerry Rice Award, given to the
21 top freshman in FCS football, and he would later share with Rice the
22 distinction of being the only receivers in league history to win a
23 triple crown (catches, yards, and touchdowns), earn offensive player

1 of the year honors, and win the Super Bowl MVP (Kupp did it in the
2 2021-22 season alone); and

3 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was a two-time offensive player of the year
4 in FCS, and won the Walter Payton Award in 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was a four-time Academic All-America
6 selection, a two-time member of the FCS ADA Academic All-Star Team,
7 and a four-time recipient of Big Sky Conference All-Academic honors;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was drafted in the third round of the 2017
10 National Football League draft by the Los Angeles Rams, who chose
11 Kupp with the 69th overall pick in that year's draft; and

12 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp became a starter during his rookie season,
13 finishing 2017 with 62 receptions for 869 yards and five touchdowns;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp rebounded from a season-ending knee injury
16 in 2018 to finish the 2019 season with 94 catches for 1,161 yards and
17 10 touchdowns, all NFL career highs for him up to that point; and

18 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp had one of the greatest seasons for a
19 receiver in NFL history in 2021, finishing with 145 receptions,
20 second most in a season in NFL history; 1,947 receiving yards, also
21 second most in a season in NFL history; and 16 receiving touchdowns,
22 leading the league in all three categories and earning first-team
23 All-Pro honors; and

24 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp continued his excellent and historic
25 performance in the playoffs, with 33 receptions for 478 yards and six
26 touchdowns in four games, including the game-winning reception late
27 in the fourth quarter of the Rams' 23-20 win over the Cincinnati
28 Bengals in Super Bowl 56, in which Kupp was named Most Valuable
29 Player;

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
31 honor and congratulate Yakima native Cooper Kupp on his outstanding
32 play first at Eastern Washington University, and now as a NFL player
33 with the Los Angeles Rams, even if they are a rival of our beloved
34 Seattle Seahawks; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
36 recognize Cooper Kupp for his impressive work ethic as a pro football
37 player and his enduring humility.

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