

SENATE RESOLUTION
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1 WHEREAS, Throughout history women have strived to gain equality,
2 and the Senate recognizes that struggle and honors the determination
3 of women to be given equal stature in our society; and

4 WHEREAS, In their work to gain equality, women and girls have
5 shown great strength, motivation, discipline, and leadership in their
6 athletic accomplishments, using athletic programs not only to
7 highlight women's and girls' outstanding athletic talents, but also
8 to assist them in gaining life skills that can be used in their
9 careers; and

10 WHEREAS, Athletics are an important tool to teach communication,
11 teamwork, dedication, cooperation, and patience, and with this
12 experience, women become more successful leaders and citizens
13 throughout Washington State; and

14 WHEREAS, We encourage the people of our state to give women and
15 girls equal respect and representation throughout media outlets in
16 order to celebrate their exceptional athletic performance; and

17 WHEREAS, At a young age, there are many girls who have
18 outstanding athletic ability, and in Washington, there are many high
19 schools that develop those exceptional qualities of young women
20 athletes, including state basketball champions Gonzaga Preparatory
21 School, Cleveland High School, W.F. West High School, Lynden
22 Christian High School, Colfax High School, and Colton High School;
23 state wrestling champion Warden High School; state golf champions
24 Bellarmine Preparatory School, Mt. Spokane High School, Bellingham
25 High School, King's High School, and St. George's School; state track
26 and field champions Federal Way High School, Kamiakin High School,
27 Sehome High School, King's High School, Colfax High School, and Mount
28 Vernon Christian School; state softball champions Puyallup High
29 School, Kamiakin High School, Lake Washington High School, Elma High
30 School, Toutle Lake High School, and Colton High School; state tennis
31 champions Garfield High School, Mercer Island High School, Sehome
32 High School, and Forest Ridge School; state cross country champions
33 Camas High School, Holy Names Academy, Sehome High School, Lakeside
34 School, and Northwest Christian High School; volleyball state

1 champions Bellarmine Preparatory School, Auburn Riverside High
2 School, Tumwater High School, Lynden Christian High School,
3 Colfax High School, and Pomeroy High School; state soccer
4 champions Central Valley High School, Edmonds-Woodway High
5 School, Squalicum High School, Klahowya Secondary School, and
6 Crosspoint Academy; state cheer champions Juanita High School,
7 Union High School, Selah High School, Kentwood High School,
8 Hockinson High School, Bethel High School, Meadowdale High
9 School, Skyline High School, and Richland High School; state
10 bowling champions Battle Ground High School, Wilson High School,
11 and Bremerton High School; state gymnastics champions
12 Woodinville High School and Kamiakin High School; state dance
13 and drill champions Eastlake High School, Moses Lake High
14 School, Pasco High School, Decatur High School, Tumwater High
15 School, Hanford High School, Lake Washington High School, Hazen
16 High School, Capital High School, and Montesano High School; and
17 WHEREAS, There are also a large number of exceptional
18 athletes in our higher education programs that show great
19 commitment and character throughout collegiate athletics; and
20 WHEREAS, At Seattle University, the women's cross country
21 team won the 2014 Western Athletic Conference Women's Cross
22 Country Championship, which was the Redhawk's first Division I
23 conference title in the history of the school's cross country
24 program; the women's rowing team's Novice 8+ boat, in only their
25 second year as a Division I team, finished second at the Western
26 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships; the women's
27 tennis program earned their first spots at the United States
28 Tennis Association/Intercollegiate Tennis Association Women's
29 Northwest Regional Championships since the rebirth of the
30 school's tennis program six years ago; Joan Bonvincini is one of
31 the winningest coaches in Division I women's basketball history,
32 nearing 700 wins; Dorsey Addicks, a member of the golf team,
33 qualified for the United States Women's Amateur Championship;
34 women's soccer defeated Washington State University in the first
35 round of the NCAA Tournament, marking the team's first ever
36 Division I tournament postseason win; and Stephanie Verdoia,
37 women's soccer senior captain, received a number of national
38 awards, including Academic All-American of the Year for Division
39 I women's soccer, the Senior CLASS Award, and selection by
40 Third-Team All-America, and was recently drafted by the National
41 Women's Soccer League's Boston Breakers; and
42 WHEREAS, At Western Washington University, track and field
43 members Bethany Drake and Katie Reichert placed one-two in the
44 women's javelin at the NCAA Division II National Track & Field
45 Championships; Carmen Dolfo's team won the 500th game of her 24-
46 year career and became the first women's basketball coach in the
47 Pacific Northwest to achieve that distinction at a four-year
48 university; Katelyn Steen of the women's cross country team
49 finished fifth at the Women's Cross Country Nationals and
50 captured both the Great Northwest Athletic Conference and NCAA
51 Division II West Regional individual titles in cross country;
52 women's soccer defender Brianna Jones was named to three All-
53 America teams; Kim Cooper of the soccer team was named the 2014
54 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the
55 Year; volleyball team member Samantha Hutchinson was named an
56 American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American and Great
57 Northwest Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year, for

1 the third straight season for both; the Vikings rowing team won
2 the varsity four race at nationals and Emily Little of the
3 rowing team was named a Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association
4 Pocock All-American; women's softball player Alexie Levin was
5 honored with the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of
6 the Year award; and golf player Kristen Hansen was named Great
7 Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year and competed at
8 regionals; and

9 WHEREAS, At the University of Puget Sound, the women's
10 soccer team won its 13th consecutive Northwest Conference title
11 and returned to the Division III NCAA Tournament; soccer player
12 Amalia Acorda-Fey was named Northwest Conference Offensive
13 Player of the Year and was a member of the All-NWC First Team
14 and National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-West
15 Region First Team; women's track and field player Allannah
16 Whitehall qualified to race in the 2014 Division III NCAA
17 Championship and was a member of the winning relay team at the
18 Northwest Conference Championships; women's basketball player
19 Amanda Forshay was one of ten NCAA Division III women's
20 basketball players selected to travel throughout Brazil to
21 compete against the country's top club teams, was named to the
22 All-NWC First Team, and was the Pacific Northwest Tournament MVP
23 with the Loggers' victory in that tournament; and Melissa Norish
24 of the women's swimming team was named Northwest Conference
25 Swimmer of the Year; and

26 WHEREAS, At the University of Washington, the women's
27 basketball team won 11 straight games for the first time since
28 1990 and made two straight wins over top 5 teams; the women's
29 golf team ended the fall season ranked number 1 in the nation;
30 Soo-Bin Kim of the golf team ended the fall season as the number
31 1 ranked individual collegiate golfer and went on to earn her
32 Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour Card; Freshman Jing
33 Yan of the golf team won her second collegiate tournament,
34 earned partial Ladies Professional Golf Association status, and
35 turned pro; the women's softball team advanced to Super
36 Regionals for the seventh consecutive year; Victoria Hayward,
37 Hooch Fagaly, and Kylee Lahners were selected as National
38 Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American Players; Megan Kufeld
39 of the women's soccer team was named to the Capital One Academic
40 All-American third team; and volleyball player Krista Vansant
41 was named the Academic All-American Player of the Year and won
42 the Honda Award for the National Player of the Year for the
43 second year in a row; and

44 WHEREAS, At Pacific Lutheran University, women's basketball
45 and track and field player Samantha Potter was named the
46 Northwest Conference Female Athlete of the Year; the women's
47 volleyball and swimming teams were Northwest Conference
48 champions; and sixty-three female student athletes were named
49 Northwest Conference Scholar Athletes for their outstanding
50 academic achievements; and

51 WHEREAS, At Whitworth University, the women's volleyball
52 team was Northwest Conference Champions and appeared in the NCAA
53 Division III tournament for the sixth time in school history;
54 volleyball player Maddye Dismore was named the Northwest
55 Conference Player of the Year and was named to the First-Team
56 All-West Region team by the American Volleyball Coaches
57 Association; volleyball coach Kati Bodecker was named Northwest

1 Conference Coach of the Year; the women's basketball team
2 continued as the Northwest Conference tournament champions;
3 basketball player Kayla Johnson was selected to the 2014
4 Division III Coaches' All-American Team by the Women's
5 Basketball Coaches Association; cross country team members
6 Amanda Blankenship, Kellyn Roiko, Kristen Schoenike, and Jess
7 Arnzen all earned NCAA Division III All-West Region honors;
8 Jackie Beal of the women's swimming team qualified and competed
9 in the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championship; and
10 track and field team members Kerry Wright, Dakota Kliamovich,
11 and Courtney Fairhart earned outdoor All-American Honors in
12 javelin, hammer throw, and discus; and

13 WHEREAS, At Seattle Pacific University, women's gymnast
14 Maria Hundley won three national championships including a gold
15 medal for the vault, uneven bars, and balance beam; gymnast Kai
16 Tindall won the floor exercise national championship in women's
17 gymnastics; track and field member McKayla Frickner was the 900-
18 meter champion at the NCAA Division II Track and Field
19 Championship; the women's soccer team won its second straight
20 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Tournament Championship; and
21 soccer team member Isabel Farrell was voted the 2014 Great
22 Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year and received
23 Second-Team All-American honors; and

24 WHEREAS, At Eastern Washington University, women's
25 basketball players Haley Hodgins, Melissa Williams, Jade
26 Redmond, Lexie Nelson, Aubry Ashenfelter, Marly Anderson,
27 Bethany Montgomery, Hanna Mack, and Kylie Huerta all received
28 Big Sky All-Academic Team honors; Haley Hodgins also received
29 the Frances B. Huston Medallion and the All-Big Sky honorable
30 mention; Lexie Nelson received All-Big Sky First Team honors;
31 women's cross country members Lauren Brewington, Acacia Smith,
32 Brittney Swanson, Paula Gil-Echevarria, Mayra Chavez, Katie
33 Lynch, Amber Core, Michaela Chucka, and Rachel Hatcher all
34 received Big Sky All-Academic Team honors; women's soccer
35 players Cassie Black, Briann Brannan, Siara Byers, Katie
36 Cashman, Caitlin Hepworth, Jackie Rodger, Nathalie Schwery,
37 Torri Sitzman, Haley Stading, Kayla Sutter, Jessica Wallace,
38 Shayla Weiler, Ua Ruedy, Sheridan Becanic, Hailie McClure, Katy
39 Allen, and Nicole Medeirosall received Big Sky All-Academic Team
40 honors; women's soccer player Cassie Black earned preseason All-
41 Big Sky Second Team honors from College Sports Madness and
42 received All-Big Sky First Team honors; and soccer player Chloe
43 Williams received All-Big Sky First Team honors and earned All-
44 Big Sky Second Team honors from College Sports Madness; and

45 WHEREAS, At Washington State University, rowing team member
46 Nicole Hare was awarded a place on the 2014 Pocock All-American
47 Second Team and All-Pac-12 Conference First Team; women's track
48 and field team member Charolette Muschamp was the Pacific-12
49 Conference Women's High Jump Champion; soccer player Jordan
50 Branch was a part of the Pac-12 Conference All-Freshman Team;
51 tennis player Elizaveta Luzina was awarded the Intercollegiate
52 Tennis Association Northwest Region 2014 Cissie Leary Award for
53 Sportsmanship; the soccer team reached the NCAA Championship for
54 the fourth straight season; the women's basketball team reached
55 the Pacific-12 Tournament semifinal round for the second time in
56 the last three years and was selected for the Women's National
57 Invitation tournament; swimmers Emma Johansson, Alison Mand,

1 Shaya Schaedler, and Presley Wetterstorm were Pacific-12 All-
2 Academic First Team members; women's track and field senior Ruby
3 Roberts set school record times in the 5,000 meter and 3,000
4 meter events, and was named to the 2014 Capital One All-Academic
5 District 8 Women's Cross Country/Track & Field Team presented by
6 the College Sports Information Directors of America; cross
7 country runner Abby Regan finished ninth at the Pacific-12 Cross
8 Country Championships; and head tennis coach Lisa Hart had her
9 141st win at Washington State University, giving her the most
10 coaching wins in the university's tennis history; and

11 WHEREAS, At The Evergreen State College, volleyball player
12 Kelsey Delagrang was a National Association of Intercollegiate
13 Athletics Scholar-Athlete for the 2014 season; three players on
14 the women's basketball team combined won five Cascade Collegiate
15 Conference Player of the Week awards; and the college will host
16 a women's basketball conference playoff game for the first time
17 in program history; and

18 WHEREAS, At Central Washington University, volleyball player
19 Catie Fry was given the American Volleyball Coaches Association
20 All-American, Great Northwest Athletic Conference All-
21 Conference, All-West Region, and Academic All-Conference awards;
22 volleyball player Linden Firethorne was named All-GNAC by the
23 Great Northwest Athletic Conference; cross country runner Dani
24 Eggleston and Megan Rogers both received awards for All-Region
25 and Academic All-Conference; cross country runner Connie Morgan
26 was given the All-American, All-Region, and Academic All-
27 Conference awards; women's soccer player Mackenzie Notle was
28 given the All-West Region and All-GNAC award; soccer player
29 Hadli Farrand was given the All-GNAC and Academic All-Conference
30 awards; the women's cross country team finished 18th in the
31 nation during their 2014 season; and the women's volleyball team
32 made it to the NCAA Division II West Regional Tournament; and

33 WHEREAS, The Senate would like to honor professional women's
34 teams throughout our state and their great accomplishments; and

35 WHEREAS, The Oly Rollers are currently the reigning USA
36 Roller Sports regional and national champions in roller derby;
37 are ranked number 20 out of 700 teams worldwide in the Women's
38 Flat Track Derby Association; and are not only outstanding
39 athletes but, as mothers, sisters, and aunts, are also role
40 models to young women athletes—one of the player's daughters,
41 Gabby Lewis, is an active hockey and volleyball player, ballet
42 and hip-hop dancer, speed skater, and football participant;
43 another daughter of a player, Kaylee Logan, is a 4.0 student at
44 Yelm Middle School, a player in the Ladies World Rink Hockey
45 Team, which won nationals in 2014, and is now a part of the USA
46 Team; and another daughter of a player, Gabriella Charneski, is
47 an 11 year old attending St. Michael School in Olympia, and won
48 national titles in 2014 in the U12 and U10 division of roller
49 hockey; and

50 WHEREAS, The Rat City Rollers All-Star team fought its way
51 through to the Women's Flat Track Derby Association
52 Championships and finished 16th in the world; had a member of
53 the team, Lacey Ramon, on Team USA at the Roller Derby World
54 Cup; and has members of the organization who coach several
55 roller derby teams and support over ten charities every month;
56 and

1 WHEREAS, The Everett Reign made the playoffs in their second
2 season and had eight All-American players; had player Courtney
3 Curdy be a runner-up for the Women's Football Association Rookie
4 of the Year award and nominee as a Women's Football Association
5 All-American; and has player Brooklyn Holton also in training
6 with the USA Women's bobsled team; and

7 WHEREAS, The Seattle Reign went their first 16 games of the
8 2014 season unbeaten, setting a new league record; received the
9 National Women's Soccer League Shield, which is awarded to the
10 team with the best record at the end of the regular season, and
11 advanced to the National Women's Soccer League Championship
12 game; had head coach and general manager Laura Harvey named
13 National Women's Soccer League Coach of the Year; had player Kim
14 Little awarded the Golden Boot, given to the player who scores
15 the most goals during the regular season, and named the National
16 Women's Soccer League's Most Valuable Player; had players
17 Kendall Fletcher, Jess Fishlock, and Nahomi Kawasumi nominated
18 for the National Women's Soccer League Best XI team; and had
19 players Hope Solo, Lauren Barnes, and Stephanie Cox named to the
20 Second XI team; and

21 WHEREAS, The Seattle Majestics made it to the third round of
22 playoffs in the 2014 season and took home two major league
23 awards, the Owners of the Year award, to team owners Scott and
24 Shanna McCaron, and the Rookie of the Year award, to player
25 Toakase Tukutau; and

26 WHEREAS, The Seattle Storm played the franchise's 15th
27 season in 2014, with Sue Bird, who is known as the best point
28 guard in the world, playing her 13th season with the Women's
29 National Basketball Association, and Temeka Johnson recording a
30 triple-double—the only active Women's National Basketball
31 Association player to do so since 2005; and

32 WHEREAS, While not every women athlete wins championships or
33 trophies, every athlete gives it their all, and we honor their
34 exceptional performance;

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
36 Senate honor and recognize women athletes as a vital part of our
37 state on March 6, 2015, noting that these women, with their
38 outstanding athletic ability and academic achievements, are an
39 indispensable part of making this state such a wonderful place
40 to live; and

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to all of the
43 aforementioned athletes and their respective institutions.

44 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
45 do hereby certify that this is a true and
46 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8631,
47 adopted by the Senate
48 March 6, 2015

49 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
50 Secretary of the Senate