House Concurrent Resolution 32

Sponsored by Representatives EVANS, ALONSO LEON, Senator BOQUIST; Representatives MCLAIN, RAYFIELD, Senator COURTNEY

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Commends Western Oregon University Men's Basketball Team on 2015-2016 season and reaching NCAA Division II Elite Eight semifinal game.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas by the time the Western Oregon University (WOU) Men's Basketball Team completed
3 its 2015-2016 play, it had achieved a season to remember, posting a 33-4 win-loss record, the most
4 conference wins in school history, an undefeated home schedule and a season sweep of the Seattle
5 Pacific, Alaska Anchorage and Western Washington teams, as well as winning the regular season
6 Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship for the second year in a row, all un-
7 precedented feats in WOU annals; and

8 Whereas the 2015-2016 WOU Men's Basketball Team went on to post-season success, hosting the
9 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II West Regional Championship
10 Tournament as its number one seed, finishing as the regional champions and advancing to the NCAA
11 Elite Eight National Championship Tournament, all firsts for the school; and

12 Whereas in the Division II West Regional Championship game, the WOU Men's Basketball
13 Team's players set an NCAA record of zero turnovers; and

14 Whereas the WOU Men's Basketball Team advanced in 2016 to the NCAA Elite Eight semifinal
15 game, being only the third men's basketball team in the state at any level to advance that far in
16 an NCAA championship, the others being the University of Oregon in 1939 and Oregon State Uni-
17 versity in 1963, and the first WOU Men's Basketball Team to do so; and

18 Whereas the 2015-2016 WOU Men's Basketball Team achieved a number of superlatives during
19 the season, including leading the nation in fewest turnovers per game, being ranked number one in
20 the nation for three weeks and finishing the year ranked number three nationally — feats no WOU
21 men's basketball team had achieved before; and

22 Whereas 11 members of the 2015-2016 WOU Men's Basketball Team came from high schools both
23 large and small in Oregon, many nearby the university; and

24 Whereas team forward Andy Avgi earned multiple honors for his 2015-2016 play, including Na-
25 tional Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) All-American and first team All-West Region, Di-
26 vision II Collegiate Commissioners Association West Region Player of the Year and third team
27 All-American, Division II Bulletin first team All-American, Basketball Times second team All-
28 American and, for the second time, GNAC Player of the Year; and

29 Whereas players Julian Nichols and Tanner Omlid were named to the GNAC second team, with
30 Jordan Wiley receiving a GNAC honorable mention; and

31 Whereas Coach Jim Shaw was recognized by his peers, receiving the NABC Division II National

1   Runner-Up Coach of the Year award, as well as being named the NABC West Region Coach of the
2   Year and the GNAC Coach of the Year; and
3   Whereas the members of the 2015-2016 WOU Men's Basketball Team represented their univer-
4   sity and state magnificently and their efforts and achievements brought pride to all Oregonians;
5   now, therefore,
6   **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**
7   That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, commend the Western Oregon
8   University Men's Basketball Team on its outstanding athletic achievements during its record-
9   breaking 2015-2016 season and for reaching the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II
10 Elite Eight semifinal game.
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