

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin
Nays:	-
Exc.:	-
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Meeting Dates:	5/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Congratulates Portland Trail Blazers on success of 2008-2009 National Basketball Association season.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of Trail Blazers in social and recreational lives of Oregonians
- Community involvement and volunteer work of the players and organization
- On-court accomplishments of the Trail Blazers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Portland Trail Blazers entered the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1970, playing their home games in the Memorial Coliseum until moving to their current home of the Rose Garden in 1995. The Trail Blazers have been Oregon's only major league sports team since joining the NBA; they will be joined by the Portland Timbers in 2010 when that team enters Major League Soccer. The franchise held a contest to select the team name in 1970; the most popular choice, "Pioneers," was already used by Lewis and Clark College, however, so Trail Blazers was selected as the second most popular choice.

Since its inaugural season, the Trail Blazers franchise has enjoyed a strong following. The team holds the record for most consecutive sellouts in American professional sports, selling out 814 consecutive games between 1977 and 1995. The team has qualified for the NBA playoffs 26 times in its 38 NBA seasons; the team missed the playoffs during its first six seasons, after which it advanced to the playoffs in 25 of the next 26 years before missing the playoffs for five consecutive years from 2004 to 2008. The Trail Blazers have advanced to the NBA finals three times, winning the championship in 1977.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 16 congratulates the Portland Trail Blazers for a successful 2008-2009 season, in which the team returned to the playoffs following a five-season absence. The current roster ranks as the second youngest in the league, led by All-Star Brandon Roy, who was named to the All-NBA Second Team at the end of the regular season.