

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 16

Sponsored by Senator CARTER

## SUMMARY

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Congratulates Portland Trail Blazers on success of 2008-2009 National Basketball Association season.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas the Portland Trail Blazers won 54 games during the 2008-2009 season, the sixth-most  
3 regular season victories in franchise history; and

4       Whereas team President Larry Miller and General Manager Kevin Pritchard have overseen  
5 tremendous growth in the Trail Blazers business and have helped restore the Trail Blazers as one  
6 of the premier franchises in all of professional sports; and

7       Whereas the Portland Trail Blazers, with players LaMarcus Aldridge, Nicolas Batum, Jerryd  
8 Bayless, Steve Blake, Rudy Fernandez, Channing Frye, Raef LaFrentz, Greg Oden, Travis Outlaw,  
9 Joel Przybilla, Shavlik Randolph, Sergio Rodriguez, Brandon Roy, Michael Ruffin and Martell  
10 Webster, are the second-youngest team in the National Basketball Association; and

11       Whereas the Trail Blazers were cochampions of the Northwest Division of the Western Confer-  
12 ence; and

13       Whereas the Trail Blazers reached the NBA playoffs for the first time in six years and were the  
14 fourth seed in the Western Conference; and

15       Whereas Trail Blazers star Brandon Roy led the team in scoring, assists and steals, scored 52  
16 points against the Phoenix Suns, was chosen to participate in the NBA all-star game and was named  
17 to the prestigious All-NBA Second Team; and

18       Whereas Trail Blazers head coach Nate McMillan was named the Western Conference Coach  
19 of the Month for April 2009; and

20       Whereas Trail Blazers games at the Rose Garden have been sold out 71 consecutive times and  
21 have excited and energized fans in Portland and the State of Oregon; and

22       Whereas approximately 15,000 fans attended a playoff rally for the Trail Blazers held at  
23 Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square; and

24       Whereas the Trail Blazers won the prestigious 2008 Turnkey PRISM award from the Isenberg  
25 School of Management of the University of Massachusetts Amherst for best professional sports  
26 franchise and have launched the "Make It Better" community outreach initiative; and

27       Whereas the Trail Blazers continue to make progress toward their goal of bringing another NBA  
28 championship to Portland and the State of Oregon; and

29       Whereas Blazermania is back; now, therefore,

30 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

31       That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, congratulate the Portland Trail

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Blazers players and organization for an exciting and successful season both on and off the basketball  
2 court.

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