

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 29

Sponsored by Representative HACK, Senator WINTERS; Representative CLEM

Whereas the South Salem High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team last won the Oregon School Activities Association Class 6A state championship at the inaugural girls' tournament in 1976; and

Whereas after a 39-year drought, South Salem won the 6A title to become state champions again with a victory over St. Mary's Academy at the Chiles Center on March 14, 2015; and

Whereas during the playoffs, South Salem beat Lake Oswego High School, Grant High School, Jesuit High School and Roseburg High School girls basketball teams to reach the finals; and

Whereas victory came after a dramatic fourth quarter during which St. Mary's Academy got to within three points of South Salem twice in the final 1:09 of the state championship game; and

Whereas St. Mary's closed to 52-50 on two free throws with 15 seconds remaining, but South Salem answered with four free throws in the final 11 seconds; and

Whereas South Salem took the title with a 56-50 win; and

Whereas South Salem went undefeated against Oregon opponents during the 2014-2015 season, finishing 27-2; and

Whereas 2014-2015 was South Salem's third season as champions of the Greater Valley Conference; and

Whereas South Salem holds a 51-8 overall record for the past two seasons; and

Whereas one of South Salem's players was named 2015 Gatorade Oregon Player of the Year in girls basketball, the first student in South Salem High School's history to be so named; and

Whereas South Salem earned the state championship in 2015 under the leadership of veteran coach Nick McWilliams, who is 131-79 over eight seasons at South Salem; and

Whereas South Salem achieved their success by embodying perseverance, teamwork, fellowship and excellence; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, congratulate the South Salem High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team on their victory in the Oregon School Activities Association Class 6A state championship game.

Adopted by House June 1, 2015

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 10, 2015

Peter Courtney, President of Senate