

HCR 32 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Evans

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 04/27/17

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Hack, Holvey, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Kennemer

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Success of WOU Men's Basketball Team
- Community support for team
- Individual achievements and awards received by players
- Recognition of Coach Jim Shaw
- Number of school records set by 2015-2016 Men's Basketball

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

During the 2015-2016 basketball season, the Western Oregon University (WOU) Men's Basketball Team broke multiple school records including the most conference wins in history by posting a 33-4 win-loss record.

The 2015-2016 WOU Men's Basketball Team achieved multiple unprecedented feats in school history by maintaining an undefeated home schedule and earning a season sweep of the Seattle Pacific, Alaska Anchorage and Western Washington teams. They also won the regular season Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) for the second year in a row and were ranked number one in the nation for three weeks before finishing the year ranked number three nationally.

Their history-making success continued in the post-season when they hosted the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II West Regional Championship Tournament as its number one seed. Finishing as the regional champions, the WOU Men's Basketball Team advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight semifinal game, being only the third men's basketball team in the state, at any level, to advance that far in an NCAA championship.

Comprised of 11 native Oregonians, the WOU Men's Basketball Team represented the athletic talent of high schools both large and small in Oregon. Andy Avgi, the team forward, earned several honors including being named Division II Collegiate Commissioners Association West Region Player of the Year and GNAC Player of the Year. Julian Nichols and Tanner Omlid were named to the GNAC second team and Coach Jim Shaw received multiple accolades including the GNAC Coach of the Year.

House Concurrent Resolution 32 commends the Western Oregon University Men's Basketball Team on its record-breaking 2015-2016 season and for reaching the NCAA Division II Elite Eight semifinal game.