House Concurrent Resolution 15

Sponsored by Representative RESCHKE

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.

Urges Portland Trail Blazers organization to change name of team to “Oregon Trail Blazers.”

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas on February 6, 1970, the National Basketball Association (NBA) board of governors granted Harry Glickman the rights to a franchise in Portland, Oregon; and

Whereas the new management group held a contest to allow fans to vote for the team name, and “Trail Blazers” was eventually selected by the judging panel; and

Whereas the Trail Blazers played their first NBA game on October 16, 1970, and a proud and historic franchise was born; and

Whereas on June 5, 1977, the Trail Blazers won the NBA Championship, a landmark moment in the sports history of the State of Oregon; and

Whereas “Blazermania” affects Oregonians from all walks of life and from every area of the state, regardless of the city they call home; and

Whereas four NBA franchises include a home state rather than a city in their team names: the Golden State Warriors, the Utah Jazz, the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Indiana Pacers; and

Whereas pioneers who blazed trails across America settled in all parts of Oregon; and

Whereas the Trail Blazers over the past half century have become a vital part of our diverse civic framework, helping to make all Oregonians proud of our state; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, applaud the many achievements of the Portland Trail Blazers, both on and off the court; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize the importance of the team to the entire State of Oregon and its place in the hearts of Oregonians across the state; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Portland Trail Blazers organization to change the name of the team to the “Oregon Trail Blazers.”

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

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