

SENATE RESOLUTION

8656

By Senators Holy and King

1           WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was born and raised in Yakima, and is the  
2 son of former Pacific Lutheran University and National Football  
3 League quarterback Craig Kupp and is the grandson of former NFL  
4 offensive lineman Jake Kupp; and

5           WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp played football at Davis High School in  
6 Yakima, earning class 4A all-state honors as a defensive back and  
7 state honorable-mention honors as a receiver in his senior year, and  
8 later helped lead the Davis Pirates to the state 4A title in boys'  
9 basketball as a senior; and

10           WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp received only two scholarship offers to play  
11 college football - one from Idaho State University and the other from  
12 Eastern Washington University; and

13           WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp chose to play football for Eastern  
14 Washington University, finishing his college career with 428  
15 receptions, 6,464 yards, and 73 touchdowns, setting NCAA Division I  
16 Football Championship Subdivision career records for receptions,  
17 receiving yards, and touchdown receptions; and

18           WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was a two-time Big Sky Conference Offensive  
19 Player of the Year and a four-time first-team FCS All-American; and

20           WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp won the 2013 Jerry Rice Award, given to the  
21 top freshman in FCS football, and he would later share with Rice the  
22 distinction of being the only receivers in league history to win a  
23 triple crown (catches, yards, and touchdowns), earn offensive player

1 of the year honors, and win the Super Bowl MVP (Kupp did it in  
2 the 2021-22 season alone); and

3 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was a two-time offensive player of the  
4 year in FCS, and won the Walter Payton Award in 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was a four-time Academic All-America  
6 selection, a two-time member of the FCS ADA Academic All-Star  
7 Team, and a four-time recipient of Big Sky Conference All-  
8 Academic honors; and

9 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp was drafted in the third round of the  
10 2017 National Football League draft by the Los Angeles Rams, who  
11 chose Kupp with the 69th overall pick in that year's draft; and

12 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp became a starter during his rookie  
13 season, finishing 2017 with 62 receptions for 869 yards and five  
14 touchdowns; and

15 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp rebounded from a season-ending knee  
16 injury in 2018 to finish the 2019 season with 94 catches for  
17 1,161 yards and 10 touchdowns, all NFL career highs for him up  
18 to that point; and

19 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp had one of the greatest seasons for a  
20 receiver in NFL history in 2021, finishing with 145 receptions,  
21 second most in a season in NFL history; 1,947 receiving yards,  
22 also second most in a season in NFL history; and 16 receiving  
23 touchdowns, leading the league in all three categories and  
24 earning first-team All-Pro honors; and

25 WHEREAS, Cooper Kupp continued his excellent and historic  
26 performance in the playoffs, with 33 receptions for 478 yards  
27 and six touchdowns in four games, including the game-winning  
28 reception late in the fourth quarter of the Rams' 23-20 win over  
29 the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl 56, in which Kupp was named  
30 Most Valuable Player;

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
32 Senate honor and congratulate Yakima native Cooper Kupp on his  
33 outstanding play first at Eastern Washington University, and now  
34 as a NFL player with the Los Angeles Rams, even if they are a  
35 rival of our beloved Seattle Seahawks; and

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
37 recognize Cooper Kupp for his impressive work ethic as a pro  
38 football player and his enduring humility.

1 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
2 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
3 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8656,  
4 adopted by the Senate  
5 February 28, 2022

6 SARAH BANNISTER  
7 Secretary of the Senate