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County's Olympic Athletes Recognized by County Council

The Snohomish County Council recognized five Olympic athletes from the area at its meeting on Wednesday. The council passed a resolution honoring the efforts of Brett McClure of Mill Creek, Camano Island resident Greg Ruckman, Marysville native Jarred Rome, Sarah Jones, who grew up in Stanwood, and Yung Chi Chen of Taiwan who plays for the Everett Aqua Sox.

Council member Dave Gossett, who requested the resolution in support of the athletes and their families, said, "These athletes embody sportsmanship and the spirit of competition that is part of the Olympics. They've worked incredibly hard all their lives for this moment on the world's stage and they have made all of us proud."

Council Chair John Koster thanked the families of the Olympians and added, "This year the Olympics were extra special. We are proud of the sons and daughters of Snohomish County who competed and congratulate them and honor their families."

Sarah Jones and Greg Ruckman competed in rowing events and Jarred Rome competed in the discus, all as members of the United States team. Everett Aqua Sox infielder Yung Chi Chen competed for his native Taiwan in baseball.

Attending the ceremony this morning were family members of some of the Olympians. Les and Judy McClure attended on behalf of their son Brett. Jarred Rome's Grandmother Esther Rome and his uncle Jeff Wiemer also were in attendance.

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