

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8771**

By Senators Spanel and Haugen

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College first opened its doors as Mount Vernon Junior College in Mount Vernon, Washington, on September 7, 1926; and

WHEREAS, Serving its community for seventy-five years, Skagit Valley College is the second oldest community college to operate continuously in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The school opened branch campuses in Oak Harbor in 1970, Friday Harbor in 1975, and Langley in 1980, expanding its ability to serve students and communities throughout northwestern Washington; and

WHEREAS, The community college has been recognized nationally as a Learning College Champion– by the League for Innovation of Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Serving about 7,000 students per quarter, Skagit has been recognized by Yahoo.com as the eleventh most-wired– community college in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College has a rich history of serving the local community and hosting many international students; and

WHEREAS, By allowing countless working adults to retrain for new careers, Skagit Valley College has been and continues to be an invaluable resource in helping families adapt and prosper in today’s rapidly changing economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor Skagit Valley College for seventy-five years of providing outstanding educational opportunities to the citizens of Skagit, Island and San Juan Counties, as well as the rest of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Dr. Lydia Ledesma-Reese, President of Skagit Valley College.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8771,
adopted by the Senate February 28, 2002.

TONY M. COOK

Secretary of the Senate