

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Shin, Kastama, Holmquist, Kilmer, Berkey, Morton, Schoesler, Rasmussen, Keiser, Honeyford, Tom, Eide, Regala, Pridemore, Jacobsen, Sheldon, Hobbs, Oemig, Roach, Swecker, Marr, Zarelli, Prentice, Haugen and Hargrove

WHEREAS, Gifted and honor students are those who strive for academic excellence and work above and beyond the basic requirements of graduation; and

WHEREAS, Gifted and honor students are those who serve as role models for their peers and also are the future leaders of our state and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Many gifted and honor students participate in the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate programs in high school; and

WHEREAS, In the 2005-06 school year, 23,330 Washington students took an AP exam to earn college credit or advanced placement, or both; and

WHEREAS, Washington state has been singled out by The College Board in their recent *Report to the Nation 2007* for sustained student success in attaining high exam scores; and

WHEREAS, Washington state funds the Highly Capable Program for gifted students for up to 2% of all students in public schools; and

WHEREAS, In the 2005-06 school year, 20,264 students were eligible for this state-funded program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate commend all gifted and honor students for their hard work and commitment to academic excellence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate encourage all students to strive for academic and personal excellence.