

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93-4645, by Representatives Carlson and Ogden

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Vancouver High School's Mock-Trial Team has exhibited the highest level of excellence in winning the 1993 Washington State Mock-Trial Championship in Olympia on Sunday, March 28, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-two schools from around the state competed in the 1993 Washington State Mock-Trial Championships and half the remaining teams were eliminated each round; and

WHEREAS, Each school fielded its own student prosecution team, defense team, and brought its own witnesses, defendant, and bailiff; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Vancouver High School's Mock-Trial Team won the Washington State Mock-Trial Championship by defeating their opponent, University Prep, a private, Seattle-area school in the final round, the first time in the mock-trial contest's seven years that the winning team was not from a Seattle school; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Vancouver High School's Mock-Trial Team had to argue a case in which their client, a member of a Nazi organization, was accused of the malicious harassment and murder of a Jewish person; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Vancouver High School's Mock-Trial Team successfully argued in the semifinals to Washington State Supreme Court Justice, Robert Utter, that their client had killed the victim in self-defense and, therefore, was not guilty of the crime of second-degree murder; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Vancouver High School's Mock-Trial Team won the Washington State Mock-Trial Championship finals by convincing Justice Utter that the malicious harassment charge against their client should be thrown out; and

WHEREAS, Mike Joshua and Tyler Ramberg were named outstanding witnesses; and

WHEREAS, These accomplishments could not have been achieved without the support and encouragement of the students, alumni, families, friends, and community members, who backed them all the way; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Vancouver High School's Mock-Trial Team advisor Chris Gourley, and all the team members, defense attorneys Ryan Spear and Brent Weinstein, prosecutors Karey Flowers and Andy Rosales, witnesses Brandon Jacobs, Mike Joshua, Graham Files, Tyler Ramberg, Meredith Boyden, Scott Rigney, and Anthia Reagan, defendant Shani Combs, and bailiff Allison Eldridge, share in the Fort Vancouver High School's Mock-Trial Team's success by combining outstanding advising with outstanding professionalism and legal knowledge; and

WHEREAS, The individual and team achievements of the 1993 Fort Vancouver High School's Mock-Trial Team will always be remembered when commemorating their winning year, and are a source of great pride to all the citizens of the state of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor the 1993 Fort Vancouver High School's Mock-Trial Team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Advisor Chris Gourley, Fort Vancouver High School Principal Ralph Riden, Vancouver School District Superintendent Dr. James Parsley, and President of the Board, Paul Gutierrez.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4645 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 13, 1993.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk