SENATE RESOLUTION 1993-8644

By Senators Haugen and Sutherland

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

WHEREAS, The 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team exhibited the highest level of excellence in winning 1st place over 22 other state middle school teams in the Washington Science Olympiad State Final Competition at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington on April 3, 1993, and in also winning 1st place over 15 other state middle school teams in the Washington Science Olympiad Northwest Regional Competition at Everett Community College in Everett, Washington, host school for all 8 years of state regional competitions, on January 30, 1993; and

WHEREAS, The 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team will represent Washington State in the Middle School Division and Kamiaken High School from Kennewick, Washington will represent Washington State in the High School Division against 47 other state middle school teams and 47 other state high school teams representing over 10,000 teams nation-wide and 1.5 million students in the National Science Olympiad Final Competition which will be held at the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, Colorado on May 21 and 22, 1993; and

WHEREAS, The 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team, which consists of 15 students, grades 7 through 9, is promoted and supported by student fundraisers, voluntary contributions, grants, and numerous corporate, government and educational sponsors, and will need to raise approximately nine thousand dollars to attend the National Science Olympiad Final Competition in Pueblo, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The Science Olympiad originated in Delaware 18 years ago, went national 8 years ago, and includes 32 events representing 3 broad goal areas of science education, science concepts and knowledge, science processes and thinking skills, and science application and technology; and

WHEREAS, The 1993 Washington Science Olympiad involved 99 teams consisting of over 1,380 students from around Washington State, and the Washington Science Olympiad Committee has been administered by Dick and Shirley Prouty of Everett Community College who have volunteered their services since 1986, and is co-directed by Bob Campbell and Dick Prouty; and

WHEREAS, The 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team events challenge students to think creatively and solve complex challenges from a scientific point of view, and are balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, art, science, chemistry, physics, and computers, and technology, with a balance between facts, concepts, process skills, and team effort, including co-operative individual and group planning; and

WHEREAS, The 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team participation in the Washington Science Olympiad, an academic interscholastic competition designed to increase student interest in science and improve the quality of science education, included many events, ranging from written test questions to design and hands-on manufacturing, such as, designing and constructing an aerodynamic device out of paper that will stay aloft for a long period of time, a vehicle that uses a standard mousetrap to move it twenty meters before coming to a dead stop, a device capable of launching a tennis ball into a target area of sand, the lightest bridge capable of holding the most weight, and a container that will safely protect an egg from breaking when dropped from a height, and analyzing and identifying unknown powders, liquids, metals, fibers, and inks, using chemical techniques, testing their knowledge of astronomy, building and using an instrument to measure angular altitude, and conducting complex measurements; and

WHEREAS, The 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team, in addition to their 1st place team finish in the Washington Science Olympiad State Final Competition, earned 17 gold medals, 5 silver medals and 1 bronze medal by individual student scientists, including 1st place awards by Kristina Ringland (3), Colben Sime (2), Casey Haakenson (2), Amber Robinson (2), Christie Walker, Michael Hamalainen, Dan Compton, Robin Compton, Craig Oseroff, Carrie Vincent, Heather Saimons, and Candyce Kintner; 2nd place awards by Michael Hamalainen, Chad Lee, Heather Saimons, and Crystal Kintner; and a 3rd place award by Dan Compton; and

WHEREAS, The 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team, in addition to their 1st place team finish in the Washington Science Olympiad Northwest Regional Competition, earned 10 gold medals, 15 silver medals and 13 bronze medals by individual student scientists, including 1st place awards by Dan Compton (2), Colben Sime, Christie Walker, Chad Lee, Michael Hamalainen, Tug Buse, Ben Lukehart, and Carrier Vincent; 2nd place awards by Craig Oseroff (2), Megan Thomas, Kristina Ringland, Amber Robinson, Colben Sime, Casey Haakenson, Michael Hamalainen, Heather Saimons, Crystal Kintner, Robin Compton, Carissa Vargas, and Carrie Vincent; and 3rd place awards by Casey Haakenson, Cristina Ringland, Amber Robinson, Stephen Glunt, Fred Leach, Heather Saimons, Crystal Kintner, Josh Harrington, J. R. Cooley, Candyce Kintner, Robin Compton, Rae Cowdry, and Ben Schnase; and

WHEREAS, The 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team student scientists apply their efforts to excel in their fields of interest, under the guidance and encouragement of the teachers of Stanwood Middle School as coordinated by teacher coach Robin Ringland who spends countless hours of her own time without compensation; and

WHEREAS, The 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team coach, Robin Ringland, and team members, Shannon Bergdahl, Brandon Bowman, Wendy Brown, Tug Buse, Dan Compton, Robin Compton, J. R. Cooley, Rae Cowdry, Amy Fifield, Brian Flener, Stephen Glunt, Garett Greer, Casey Haakenson, Michael Hamalainen, Josh Harrington, Crysty Kimmer, Candy Kintner, Fred Leach, Chad Lee, Ben Lukehart, Craig Oseroff, Kristina Ringland, Adam Roberts, Amber Robinson, Heather Saimons, Dan Schei, Ben Schnase, Colben Sime, Meghan Slater, Megan Thomas, Carissa Vargas, Carrie Vincent, and Christie Walker, all share in the 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team's success by combining outstanding coaching with outstanding scientific knowledge and expertise; and

WHEREAS, These accomplishments could not have been achieved without the support and encouragement of the students, alumni, families, friends, contributors, and sponsors who backed them all the way, and the individual and team achievements of the 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science 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 Senate of the state of Washington honor the 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team, encourage everyone to help support them in their efforts to raise the resources necessary to attend the National Science Olympiad Final Competition in Pueblo, Colorado on May 21-22, 1993 and wish them all success in their endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the 1993 Stanwood Middle School's Science Team Coach, Robin Ringland, Stanwood Middle School Principal, Ron Hendricks, Washington Science Olympiad Committee Executive, Shirley Prouty, and Co-Directors, Bob Campbell and Dick Prouty.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1993-8644, adopted by the Senate April 23, 1993.