

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4676, by Representatives McIntire, Edmonds, Kagi, Reardon, Gombosky, Cooper, Conway, Keiser, Kenney, Regala, H. Sommers, Rockefeller, Carlson, Esser, Radcliff, Dunshee, Hurst, Constantine, Huff, Dunn, Thomas, Lantz, Hankins, Pflug, Skinner and Barlean

WHEREAS, The University of Washington has been ranked number one by the journal *Science Watch* as the top mathematics research university in the United States, above Harvard University, Stanford University, New York University, the University of Chicago, California Institute for Technology, Cornell University, Princeton University, the University of Minnesota, and Yale University, thanks to over three hundred published contributions to mathematics and statistics authored by University of Washington faculty and students from 1993 through 1997 and cited by top scholars throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The high level of scholarship by University of Washington mathematicians and statisticians, along with the work of University of Washington colleagues in the fields of pharmacology (ranked second nationally), geoscience (ranked third), clinical medicine (ranked fourth), ecology and environment (ranked seventh), and psychology and psychiatry (ranked tenth), has earned the University of Washington eighth place in research among the 100 top federally funded universities in the country; and

WHEREAS, The study and application of mathematics has contributed greatly to the development of agriculture, engineering, construction, manufacturing, aerospace, and computer technology across Washington; and

WHEREAS, College mathematics education in Washington was introduced in 1861 by Asa Mercer, the Washington state pioneer who served as the University of Washington's first president and first mathematics teacher; and

WHEREAS, The University of Washington Mathematics Department teaches thousands of undergraduate and graduate students every year, as well as enriching the education of elementary, middle, and high school students across the state who participate in the department's mathematics outreach programs in their local schools; and

WHEREAS, Our families and future depend upon the jobs, income, revenues, and other opportunities created by an expanding, information-based economy, which in turn relies upon top-quality mathematics research and teaching;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hereby recognize the University of Washington as a world leader in higher education and congratulate the faculty and students of the University of Washington for ranking first in mathematics research, and ranking in the top ten in five other research fields; and furthermore, recognize the importance of mathematics in the education of our children and adults, and in sustaining Washington's economy and high quality of life.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4676 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 19, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk