

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4678, by Representatives O'Brien, Dunn, Kenney, Carlson, Schindler, Santos, Cody, Dickerson, Chopp, Thomas, Fortunato, Wensman and Skinner

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize the contributions of institutions which reflect and promote standards of excellence that enhance the well-being and quality of life of the citizens of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, O'Dea High School in Seattle this year is celebrating its 75th year since it opened its doors in 1924; and

WHEREAS, O'Dea High School has continuously brought the highest standards of quality Catholic education to a diverse, economic, racial, and ethnic student body; and

WHEREAS, The "Fighting Irish" of O'Dea High School have for three-quarters of a century realized the vision of Bishop Edward O'Dea and the Christian Brothers of a Catholic Boys' School in Seattle, in commitment to the mission of an education based on religious principles and that of building a true community of living faith and service; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives believes that the citizens of the state of Washington should be made aware of the O'Dea High School's strong reputation for educating young men academically, spiritually, socially, and physically; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives seeks to congratulate the Christian Brothers, students, alumni, staff, friends, and the Board of Limited Jurisdiction, as well as parents of current and former students of O'Dea High School for being an excellent example of leadership in the field of education in the state; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives adds its voice to this 75th Jubilee year of O'Dea High School, thereby strengthening the ties of the Catholic community and the community at large to the school;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, on behalf of the citizens of the state of Washington, recognize and celebrate O'Dea High School of Seattle for its 75 years of excellent and dedicated service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to O'Dea High School.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4678 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 19, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk