

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4709, by Representatives Quall, Talcott, Wensman, Cox, Keiser, Carlson, Radcliff, Barlean, Kenney, Wolfe, Thomas, Morris, Linville, H. Sommers, Kastama, Schual-Berke, Miloscia, Kessler, Mitchell, Hankins, Stensen, Rockefeller, Gombosky, Wood, DeBolt, Haigh, Murray and Santos

WHEREAS, High academic standards in school will help prepare Washington's students for a world of constant change and innovation; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Student Learning has worked since 1992 to raise academic standards for students and schools, create new assessments, and lead the entire K-12 school system in Washington toward greater accountability; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Student Learning forged partnerships with thousands of educators, parents, professionals, business people, and parents to join together in support of student learning; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Student Learning skillfully brought organizations and interest groups together in support of common goals and objectives and helped achieve remarkably broad agreement regarding education reform; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Student Learning has informed, empowered, and inspired thousands of educators across the state to embrace and achieve the ambitious goals of Washington's education reform law;

WHEREAS, Commissioners Charles Collins, Terry Bergeson, Millard Battles, Brian Benzel, Pam Carter, Gary Gainer, Booth Gardner, Roberta Krause, Ivory Nelson, C.T. Purdom, John Traynor, Kathleen Anderson, Adelina Gonzalez, and John Lucero have shown unmatched energy and commitment to the education of all children and have set an example to which all public servants aspire; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Student Learning will terminate on June 30, 1999, and leave Washington's public education system better able to equip students with the knowledge and skills essential for their future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives gratefully acknowledges the work completed by the Washington Commission on Student Learning on behalf of all students in Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to each of the commissioners on the Washington Commission on Student Learning.

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