

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2000-4722, by Representatives Edwards, O'Brien, Ruderman, Lambert, Kagi, Edmonds, Quall, Talcott, Wensman and D. Schmidt

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize extraordinary achievement in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen A. Forys, resident of Woodinville and Superintendent of the Northshore School District, the state's eighth largest, has been named Washington State Superintendent of the Year from among over 1,100 superintendents, principals, and senior staff; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Forys' direction, the Northshore School District has achieved the highest fourth-grade and eighth-grade standardized test scores in the state, and the district's dropout rate is among the state's lowest; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Forys pushed for the International Baccalaureate Program at Inglemoor High School, a challenging curriculum that kept some of the brightest students in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Forys has been named one of four finalists for the National Superintendent of the Year by the National Superintendent of the Year Blue Ribbon Panel of the American Association of School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Forys will be attending the National Conference on Education in San Francisco, California in March 2000 as the only finalist representing Washington State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Dr. Karen Forys for her dedicated work and achievement on behalf of learning and education in the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Karen Forys, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Northshore School District Board of Directors.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4722 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 11, 2000.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerk