

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8681**

By Senators Franklin, Winsley, McAuliffe, Wojahn, Rasmussen, Eide and Goings

WHEREAS, Tacoma School District Superintendent Dr. James Shoemake was selected by the Washington Association of School Administrators as Washington's 1998 Superintendent of the Year-; and

WHEREAS, In that capacity, Dr. Shoemake represented the State of Washington in the National Superintendent of the Year competition; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shoemake, in just three years as Tacoma schools chief, has brought a sense of stability and direction to the district; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shoemake's efforts to improve the public's perception of Tacoma Schools has reinvigorated the community's support, leading to approval of a \$150 million construction levy in 1997 that had failed three previous times; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being one of the district's best spokesmen, Dr. Shoemake is noted for his meticulous management style, and his problem-solving approach; and

WHEREAS, Prior to coming to Tacoma, Dr. Shoemake served for nine years as superintendent of the Mukilteo School District, and as school superintendent in Joplin, Missouri, and Haysville, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shoemake, through all his efforts, has remained focused on his main goal of improving student learning and achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate do hereby recognize and honor Dr. James Shoemake, Superintendent of Tacoma Public School District No. 10, for his selection as Washington School Superintendent of the Year for 1998, and for his ongoing efforts on behalf of and commitment to the education of Tacoma's children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. James Shoemake and to Tacoma Public School District No. 10.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8681,
adopted by the Senate April 21, 1999.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate