

**SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8720**

By Senators Rossi, Johnson, Rasmussen, Patterson, Kohl-Welles

WHEREAS, The students of Tahoma High School in Maple Valley, Washington enrolled in the program known as We the People, The Citizen and the Constitution– have exhibited that they have learned very well the lessons of our forefathers who wrote the Constitution of the United States and will be representing all of Washington in national championship competition to be held May 6th through May 8th in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, This knowledge will enhance their lives and direct their paths as they walk through life, proud in the knowledge that Americans have long stood for justice and liberty for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Being armed with this knowledge is to the benefit of all citizens of this great country and state and will encourage them to participate in the democracy men and women have fought so gallantly to preserve; and

WHEREAS, Knowing that these energetic, knowledgeable young people will one day lead this state and country, and that there may very well be in their midst a Governor, Senator or a member of Congress or perhaps even a future President; and

WHEREAS, Teachers of the We The People– program such as Mark Oglesby and Stephanie Galloway, who have lead students to win the state championship the past six years, can take great pride knowing that the students enrolled in this program have the knowledge to outperform university students in every topic; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that 80 percent of senior students participating in this program have registered to vote as compared to an average of 37 percent thereby proving that this program has increased the interest in politics and in participating in government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we the members of the Washington State Senate wish to acknowledge the participation in this program by Sean Aas, Lindsay Allyn, Max Aquino, Grifan Cayce, Rebecca Currie, Medora Ekblad, Hannah Garrison, Nathan Holstein, Leah Ingram, Douglas Jacobson, Hillary Johnson, Kristin Jolk, Kelly Keegan, Rachel Kennedy, Katie Kenworthy, Mikael Mortensen, Benjamin Myers, Tracy Pettitt, Amanda Smith, Tricia Smithson, Whitney Thompson, Jered Vincent, Spencer Waldron, Trevor Williams, and Todd Wilson, students each and every one making their families and fellow citizens proud; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate forward a copy of this resolution to the Principal of Tahoma High School to further show the respect of this body for a job well done by each student and teacher.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8720,
adopted by the Senate February 16, 2000.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate