

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
2000-8733**

*By Senator Swecker*

*WHEREAS, Centralia College is the state's oldest community college, having been in continuous operation since 1925; and*

*WHEREAS, Centralia College survived economic struggles during the Great Depression and a low enrollment crisis during World War II; and*

*WHEREAS, More than 130,000 students have taken advantage of Centralia College through its long history with roughly 4,000 students enrolled each year; and*

*WHEREAS, Centralia College maintains one of the highest ratios of student-to-service district population among two-year colleges in Washington State and offers educational centers in outlying areas to serve students who might otherwise be denied access to higher education and training opportunities; and*

*WHEREAS, Centralia College has an outstanding faculty with twenty Exceptional Faculty Award winners; a Washington State Professor of the Year; and numerous other state and nationally-recognized staff; and*

*WHEREAS, Centralia College provides an excellent educational environment with academics, intramural activities, intercollegiate athletics, stimulating student speakers and entertainment packages, and other activities to enhance student life on campus;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate congratulates the administration, faculty, and students of Centralia College as they celebrate the college's seventy-fifth year of continuous operation; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Centralia College President Dr. Hank Kirk and to the Centralia College Board of Trustees.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8733,  
adopted by the Senate February 25, 2000.*

**TONY M. COOK**  
*Secretary of the Senate*