

**SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8788**

By Senator Fraser

WHEREAS, The Olympia High School Drill Team, led by School Counselor and Drill Team Coach Danise Ackelson, earned the second-highest overall score and placed third in the recent Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Dance/Drill competition held in Yakima; and

WHEREAS, This great athletic and stylistic accomplishment represented the very first time in the history of Olympia High School and the Olympia School District that a drill team came home with a superior rating earned at the state competition; and

WHEREAS, More than 100 dance and drill teams made up of more than 2,000 young athletes and school-spirit leaders participated in the competition; and

WHEREAS, Olympia was one of only ten teams that received the vaunted superior rating this year, and « in their highly successful, record-making season « they have been the recipients of loyal and steadfast support from their fellow young people in the Olympia High School Student Body; and

WHEREAS, As always, the OHS Bear Dance Team contributed remarkable and outstandingly well-received performances at Olympia football and basketball games this year; and

WHEREAS, Individual Olympia Dance Team members brought home special recognition, including Teri Martinko for High Kick, Karen Bolinger and Lindsay Deskins for Precision, and Sarah Bury as a Drill Down finalist; and

WHEREAS, The Olympia High School Drill Team and other drill teams train as top-notch student-athletes to perform routines for their school and for other community events; and

WHEREAS, Dance, jazz, lyrical, military drill, high kick and precision dance are just a few of the myriad variety of styles used by the OHS Drill Team and their peers in other schools around Washington and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Team members practice « and practice very hard and very sincerely « for hours and hours and hours throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Students fortunate enough and skillful enough to be involved with the Olympia High School Bear Drill Team do training for strength, flexibility, technique for dance, and specific skill-development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate applaud and commend the respected and accomplished Olympia High School Drill Team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Drill Team Coach Danise Ackelson and to the administration at Olympia High School.