

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2002-4734, by Representatives Veloria, Cody, Schual-Berke and Upthegrove

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize the contributions of institutions that reflect the standards of excellence that enhance the well-being and quality of life of the citizens of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Tukwila School District serves two thousand six hundred students; and

WHEREAS, Students in the Tukwila School District represent many cultures and ethnic groups, speaking more than twenty-five languages; and

WHEREAS, Foster High School participates in the Washington State Achiever's Program, supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Tukwila School District has initiated three university-school partnership programs with the University of Washington in the areas of teacher training, integrating the arts in elementary schools, and integrating instruction of environmental study and architectural design in elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The school district has initiated teacher participation in the National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards with two grant award recipients; and

WHEREAS, A five-member organizational partnership has formed the Tukwila Community Schools Collaboration to improve student learning; and

WHEREAS, The Tukwila School District, in partnership with Rotary International, is sustaining a sister school/community partnership with the Village of Thillagrand, Senegal; and

WHEREAS, Students from the Tukwila School District visited the House of Representatives on March 12, 2002, escorted by Board Director Mary Fertakis and Superintendent Michael Silver, staff members, and parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the great contribution made by the Tukwila School District to the education of the young people of Washington State; the diversity of the Tukwila School District's student body; and the significant achievements of the Tukwila School District in meeting education standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives also extend congratulations to the Tukwila School District for initiating local, state, national, and international partnerships for learning.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
4734 Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives
March 12, 2002.

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk