<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4680</u>, by Representatives Miloscia, Schindler, Linville, Upthegrove, McDermott, Talcott and Anderson

WHEREAS, Catholic educators have been teaching in Washington state for more than one hundred forty years, beginning with the Sisters of Providence at Fort Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, More than twenty-eight thousand students currently receive their education in the ninety-one elementary and secondary Catholic schools in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women who teach at and administer these schools produce academically strong students who also commit themselves to service; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have trained many of the finest leaders in professions and occupations throughout this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Several Catholic schools have been recognized by the United States Department of Education as "Schools of Excellence"; and

WHEREAS, All Catholic schools around the entire country are celebrating "Catholic Schools 2004: where "A Faith-Filled Future";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the Catholic Schools of Washington state and honor their academic excellence and faith-based instruction during this celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 25 through January 31, 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the school departments at the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Diocese of Spokane, and the Diocese of Yakima.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4680 adopted by the House of Representatives January 27, 2004

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk