

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8608

By Senators Mulliken, B. Sheldon, McAuliffe, Regala, Rasmussen, Deccio, Esser, Prentice, Rossi, Johnson and Sheahan

WHEREAS, Catholic school 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, Catholic schools throughout the state of Washington and nation provide an outstanding quality education in a safe environment to thousands of students regardless of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, ethnicity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have more than twenty-nine thousand students currently receiving their education in ninety-one elementary and secondary schools throughout the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women who teach 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, Catholic schools have been recognized by the United States Department of Education as "Schools of Excellence"; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools greatly help relieve the financial burdens placed on public school systems by providing options for parents and students seeking alternative educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life; and

WHEREAS, All Catholic schools around the entire country are celebrating "Catholic Schools 2003: Making a World of Difference";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Catholic schools of Washington State and honor their academic excellence and faith-based instruction during this celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 26, 2003, through February 1, 2003; and

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

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8608,  
adopted by the Senate  
February 19, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate