

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Eide, Kline, Haugen, Jacobsen, Fairley, Stevens, Johnson, Schmidt, Franklin, Prentice, Winsley, Thibaudeau, Kohl-Welles, Regala, T. Sheldon, Shin, Mulliken, Kastama, Sheahan, Horn, Rossi, Parlette, Deccio, Rasmussen, Finkbeiner, Doumit, Keiser, Brown, Carlson, McAuliffe, Esser, Fraser, Reardon, Roach, Oke, Hewitt, Spanel, Zarelli, Hargrove and B. Sheldon

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parent Teacher Association was founded as a child advocacy organization in 1905; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parent Teacher Association has worked diligently for nearly one hundred years to advocate on behalf of every child in this state; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parent Teacher Association is the largest child advocacy organization in Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parent Teacher Association is the only child advocacy organization that advocates on behalf of the whole child, including health, education, safety, and welfare issues for children; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parent Teacher Association continues to be a leader in advocating the importance of parental involvement in their children's lives; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parent Teacher Association has long had a presence in the policy-setting arena where children's issues are being considered; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parent Teacher Association is looked to by its members, the public, and policymakers as a credible resource on issues affecting children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate publicly recognize the accomplishments of the Washington State Parent Teacher Association toward improving the life of every child in Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the importance of considering the needs of the whole child in public policy decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate laud the commitment of the Washington State Parent Teacher Association and its members on behalf of all children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Parent Teacher Association.