

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8718

By Senators Pflug, Oke, Johnson and Carlson

WHEREAS, The students of Tahoma High School in Maple Valley, Washington, enrolled in the program known as "We The People, The Citizen and Constitution" have exhibited that they have learned very well the lessons of our forefathers who wrote the Constitution of the United States and will be representing all of Washington in national championship competitions; and

WHEREAS, The students of Gig Harbor High School in Gig Harbor, Washington, have also demonstrated an impressive grasp of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, This knowledge will enhance the lives of these students and direct their paths as they walk through life, proud in the knowledge that Americans have long stood for justice and liberty for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Being armed with this knowledge is to the benefit of all citizens of this great country and state and will encourage them to participate in the democracy men and women have fought so gallantly to preserve; and

WHEREAS, These energetic, knowledgeable young people will one day lead this state and country, and there may very well be in their midst a legislator, governor, senator, member of Congress, or perhaps even a future President; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated and talented Teachers of the "We The People" program, Lindsey Thaler of Tahoma High School, and Ken Brown of Gig Harbor High School, can take great pride in knowing that the students enrolled in this program have the knowledge to outperform university students in every topic; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that eighty percent of seniors in high school participating in this program have registered to vote compared to an average of thirty-seven percent among other high school seniors, thereby proving that this program has increased the interest in politics and in participation in government; and

WHEREAS, For the tenth consecutive year, Tahoma High School has won the first place title at the state championship, enabling its members to represent the whole state of Washington when they compete at the national competition in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, For the third consecutive year, Gig Harbor High School finished in second place at the state championship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the participants in this program from Tahoma High School's first place team: Rachel Bishop, Karim Boukabou, Michael Caesar, Andreen Clausmeyer, Dennis Collins, Melonie Cooper, Jason Cucovatz, Haley Gilge, Paul Harrison, Christopher Jangala, Julia Marquand, Christine O'Connell, June Peng, Nathan Plesnicher, Carly Sherwood, Justine Sark, and Matthew Wood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate also honor the participants in this program from Gig Harbor High School's second place team: Chrissy Bowles, Kat Brauer, Jessica Brophy, Lexi Bryant, Aubrey Careaga, David Colman, Lisa Corpolongo, Amanda Garries, Karissa Hochberg, Spencer Hutchins, Melinda Jenkins, Becky Larsen, Emily Lobberegt, Amber Lundgren, Tali Munger, Erik Niezen, Kris Samms, Nicole Schermerhorn, Barret Schulze, Lena Shiraiwa, Jamie Steadman, Lisa Tobin, and Tiffany Trotter. All are students making their families and communities proud; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the first and second place We The People Teams, their teachers Lindsey Thaler and Ken Brown, and the principals of Tahoma High School and Gig Harbor High School to further show the respect of this body for a job well done.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8718,  
adopted by the Senate

March 5, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate