

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4693, by Representative Kessler

WHEREAS, The 4-H Youth Development Program of Washington State University has helped young people in Washington develop useful "life skills" since it was established in 1902; and

WHEREAS, The program centers on teaching young people to become productive members of society by fostering self-esteem, communication, and decision-making skills; and

WHEREAS, Over 75,000 young people and 8,300 adult volunteers throughout Washington participated in 4-H Youth Development Programs in 2005; and

WHEREAS, These programs helped participants learn about a wide variety of subjects including science, family living, applied arts, and government activism; and

WHEREAS, These programs work with traditional community clubs and reach youth through urban groups, special interest groups, nutrition programs, after school programs, camping, and interagency learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, More than 300 4-H members from around the state are currently visiting the State Capitol as part of an annual statewide education program titled "4-H Know Your Government"; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H Know Your Government Program focused this year on the judicial system and better understanding the issues related to preserving one's personal rights; and

WHEREAS, 4-H will continue its dedication to empower young people to become active global citizens and realize the value, significance, and responsibility of taking part in local, regional, state, national, and international community issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington recognize the 4-H Youth Development Program for its many contributions to the youth of Washington and the betterment of our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Pat BoyEs, the Director for the Washington State University 4-H Youth Development Program.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4693 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 28, 2006

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk