SENATE RESOLUTION 8712

By Senators Shin, Jacobsen, Kastama, Hargrove, Weinstein, Regala, Sheldon, Berkey, Franklin, Rockefeller, Fraser and Johnson

WHEREAS, Communities are composed of people of all ethnic backgrounds who have a wide range of needs, and the Mukilteo Family YMCA is composed of people of all religious affiliations working together to build strong values, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of the rich heritage rooted in these values, the Mukilteo Family YMCA was chartered in 1993 to achieve its mission of providing a safety hub and infrastructure in the community; and

WHEREAS, This organization is largely successful because governing leaders in the community have invested their own hearts and time to celebrate and provide the community with a facility where children, individuals, and families can all join together in activities that help strengthen their bonds with family, the community, and themselves; and

WHEREAS, This type of outlet in the community is becoming more important because we live in a world of competing needs within our work, family, and community, making it increasingly difficult to feel connected to our neighbors and to know who to lean on when help is needed; and

WHEREAS, The Mukilteo Family YMCA serves more than 19,000 people each year as a community center, with over 30 organized programs that help individuals of all ages build themselves physically, through workout facilities and fitness programs, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually through the classes and service opportunities the programs provide; and

WHEREAS, These programs also provide: Affordable child care for families of every income level; fun and constructive activities that foster inner strength and confidence; and service learning opportunities for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The founding board members of the Mukilteo Family YMCA, many of whom still serve on the board today, worked indefatigably to establish a sound footing for the organization and continue to devote countless hours to ensuring the long-term viability of this worthwhile organization; and

WHEREAS, This strategic plan will only deepen the impact of the programs that already touch so many individuals and families in the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington recognize and express its appreciation for the Mukilteo Family YMCA for its service to children, teens, families, and the community at large; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington recognize (1) the Mukilteo Family YMCA for its history of building the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility and serving the community by emotionally, physically, and spiritually supporting people of all ages and economic, social, and cultural backgrounds, and (2) that this impact will only be broadened with expansion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Mukilteo Family YMCA.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8712, adopted by the Senate February 13, 2006

Secretary of the Senate