

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4671, by Representatives Quall, Haler, Klippert, Alexander, Dammeier, Priest, Ross, Hunter, Hudgins, Pettigrew, Short, McCune, Johnson, Miloscia, O'Brien, Sullivan, Haigh, Rodne, Hasegawa, and Liias

WHEREAS, A quality education is the foundation of a child's future and Catholic schools are one of the many types of education choices available to our children; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools provide a quality education with emphasis on moral values, academic excellence, leadership, and community service resulting in high school graduation rates of 99 percent; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools are committed to educating students of diverse religious, national, and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools provide an excellent alternative for 30,000 students in over 90 Catholic schools throughout Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Providing a Catholic education is an integral part of the mission of the Catholic Church, which saves Washington State citizens the cost of educating these students in public schools; and

WHEREAS, The Catholic schools' emphasis on religious, academic, and cocurricular programs has produced many of our nation's and state's finest leaders, including members of this legislature; and

WHEREAS, The nationwide celebration of Catholic Schools Week for 2010 emphasizes "Dividends for Life--Morals, Discipline, Knowledge, and Faith";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the Catholic schools of Washington State and honor their academic excellence and faith-based instruction during this celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 31 - February 6, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the school departments at the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Diocese of Spokane, the Diocese of Yakima, and the Washington State Catholic Conference.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4671 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 28, 2010

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk