

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4631, by Representatives Johnson and Upthegrove

WHEREAS, Civic education is essential to the education and encouragement of an active and informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Civic education provides Washington State's youth with a foundation for understanding the political process and, for many, serves as a catalyst for lifelong interest and involvement in government; and

WHEREAS, In the interest of instilling pride and a sense of ownership of our government in our citizens, it is important to have strong academic resources and passionate teachers dedicated to the education of our country's Constitution and political processes; and

WHEREAS, Civic education is a vital tool to promote greater understanding of the role of legislators in a representative democracy and the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, By gathering educators in the state capitol, we recognize the value of civic education in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, By so doing, a forum is established for civic educators across the state to collaborate with legislators and other supporters; and

WHEREAS, Many organizations such as the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, We the People Foundation, Washington Media Association, Washington State Council of Social Studies, 4-H, YMCA Youth & Government, Washington State Bar Association, Office of the Secretary of State, Washington State Historical Society, Legislative Scholars Program, and Service Learning of Washington are dedicated to making civic education a priority for Washington State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The contributions of committed teachers, principals, community leaders, parents, state employees, and volunteers contribute to the goals of these laudable organizations to create an engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives recognizes Kristina Wilkinson of Maple Valley, Washington; Don Smith of Cashmere, Washington; and Gretchen Wulfing of Lacey, Washington as Washington State Legislature's Civic Educators of the Year for 2011; and

WHEREAS, On February 23, 2011, the Washington State House of Representatives honors Civic Education and these three Civic Educators of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives recognizes the contributions civic educators make towards educating the public and instilling a sense of pride in their government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hereby honors, thanks, and celebrates the civic educators of the state.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4631 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 23, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk