

SENATE RESOLUTION
8624

By Senators Hatfield, Schoesler, Hobbs, Haugen, Becker, Delvin, Honeyford, Shin, Stevens, King, Parlette, Regala, Roach, Kohl-Welles, Fraser, and Rockefeller

WHEREAS, The 4-H Youth Development Program of Washington State University Extension has assisted the young people in Washington to develop essential "life skills" since the program was established in 1902; and

WHEREAS, The program centers on teaching young people to become productive members of society by fostering citizenship, science, engineering, math and technology literacy, health and wellness, communication, and decision-making skills; and

WHEREAS, Over 87,000 young people and 6,500 adult volunteers throughout Washington participated in 4-H youth development programs in 2010; and

WHEREAS, These programs help 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, 4-H remains relevant by responding to societal changes affecting youth by creating clubs such as 4-H Military Clubs which now serve more than six thousand youth in counties across the state; and

WHEREAS, More than 350 4-H members from around the state are currently visiting the State Capitol as part of an annual statewide educational program titled, "4-H Know Your Government"; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H Know Your Government program focused this year on politics and the media and how both affect our views of democracy; 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 Washington State Senate 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 copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Pat BoyEs, the State 4-H Director for the Washington State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8624,
adopted by the Senate
March 22, 2011

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate