

SENATE RESOLUTION
8672

By Senators Morton and Honeyford

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State share a border, many natural resources, and geological and geographic similarities; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State often work together to achieve mutual goals, including British Columbia working together with Whatcom county and other northern counties to secure and streamline the border crossing and transportation throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, The paramount duty of Washington State is the education of our youth in order to prepare them to be our leaders in the future; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia recognizes the importance and value of quality civic education; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and Washington State Legislature sponsor nationally renowned internship programs meant to educate interns and promote political awareness; and

WHEREAS, Washington State undergraduate interns spend their winter quarter or spring semester working in Olympia with staff and members of the Washington State Senate or House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their office work, interns participate in weekly academic seminars and workshops learning about the process of a representative democracy with a bicameral legislature; and

WHEREAS, The British Columbia Legislative Internship Program offers an opportunity to university graduates to supplement their academic training by observing the daily workings of the Legislative Assembly firsthand; and

WHEREAS, Interns acquire skills and knowledge that they can apply to chosen careers and future life experiences, which will further contribute to a greater public understanding and appreciation of parliamentary government; and

WHEREAS, Part of the internship experience for both programs includes participating in a shadowing exercise where the intern observes a particular organization, office, or aspect of government the intern is interested in learning more about; and

WHEREAS, An exchange program is one of these shadowing opportunities by which British Columbia interns can visit the state capital in Olympia and Washington State interns can visit the provincial capital in Victoria; and

WHEREAS, For the ninth year, British Columbia and Washington State legislative interns have participated in this exchange program to explore and learn about the history and government processes of a different legislative body; and

WHEREAS, We welcome the British Columbia legislative interns to the Washington State Legislature and commend their numerous academic achievements and passion for government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the hardworking and dedicated British Columbia Legislative interns: Kristian Arciaga, Derek Csath, Leila Farmer, Jacob Helliwell, Paul Krawus, Carly Lewis, Ian Madison, Ella Rebalski, Matthew Scarr, and Colin Whelan, as well as British Columbia Legislative Intern Program facilitators: Karen Aitken and Jennifer Ives, and extend our deepest gratitude to our own legislative intern coordinators: Judi Best and Samantha Barrera for bringing together such excellent programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington hereby honor, thank, and celebrate the British Columbia Legislative Internship Program participants here today.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8672,
adopted by the Senate
February 16, 2012

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate