HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4677, by Representatives Hudgins, Haler, Bergquist, S. Hunt, Ryu, Sells, Kilduff, Pettigrew, Griffey, and Stanford

WHEREAS, National African American Parent Involvement Day was founded in 1995 in Michigan in response to a call-to-action for parents to help youth overcome obstacles they face in society; and

WHEREAS, National African American Parent Involvement Day serves to strengthen partnerships between schools, families, and communities to advance student success and address the educational opportunity gap; and

WHEREAS, The events of the day promote African American involvement in their child's education by providing strategies to create a more conducive learning environment and make best use of the educational process at all levels; and

WHEREAS, National African American Parent Involvement Day activities have the goal of broadening the social and racial narrative concerning Black men by exposing students to the diversity of Black male excellence and affirming the importance of educational equity by celebrating children and families of African descent; and

WHEREAS, South Shore PK-8 School in the Seattle Public Schools has participated in National African American Parent Involvement Day since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Participation in National African American Parent Involvement Day is growing, most recently to the Tukwila School District this year; and

WHEREAS, Although National African American Parent Involvement Day is centered on African American students, in Washington it is inclusive of students and families from our multicultural and diverse population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate Seattle, Tukwila, and all participating Washington communities in their recognition of February 8, 2016, as National African American Parent Involvement Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Seattle Public Schools, the Tukwila School District, King County, the city of Seattle, and the city of Tukwila.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of

Resolution 4677 adopted by the House of Representatives

February 29, 2016

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk