

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Dammeier, Conway, Becker, Sheldon, Brown, Dansel, O'Ban, Angel, Cleveland, Bailey, Hasegawa, Parlette, Padden, Litzow, Pearson, Chase, Roach, Rivers, Miloscia, Braun, Fain, Benton, Frockt, Mullet, Nelson, Schoesler, Rolfes, Billig, Fraser, McAuliffe, Darneille, Liias, Hatfield, Kohl-Welles, and Jayapal

1 WHEREAS, In 1989, the Legislature passed a bill establishing five
2 new university campuses, allowing UW Bothell, UW Tacoma, WSU Spokane,
3 WSU Tri-Cities, and WSU Vancouver to open their doors to students 25
4 years ago; and

5 WHEREAS, These new campuses were established with the mission of
6 expanding access to higher education in Washington State's urban
7 centers, making bachelor's and graduate degree programs more widely
8 available, particularly for place-bound and low-income students who
9 cannot travel to another city to earn a degree; and

10 WHEREAS, These university campuses were established with an
11 accompanying mission to drive economic development in their regions,
12 which they have accomplished through the expansion of their physical
13 campuses, through the strengthening of their regional workforces, and
14 by applying university research to critical problems and challenges
15 facing the communities they serve; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2005, the Legislature passed a bill allowing these
17 campuses to become full four-year campuses, enrolling first- and
18 second-year students in addition to continuing to serve transfer
19 students from the state's community and technical college system; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2011, the Legislature recognized the continued growth
21 and expansion of these newer UW and WSU campuses by authorizing them
22 to provide doctorate-level degrees; and

1 WHEREAS, These UW and WSU campuses continue to grow,
2 together enrolling more than 15,000 students annually—a number
3 which grows each year—and with tens of thousands of graduates,
4 most of whom stay in the regions where they earned their
5 degrees, contributing to the economic, cultural, and civic life
6 of their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, These campuses have established and continue to
8 develop academic and research expertise in areas that are
9 nationally relevant and important, which benefits the entire
10 state by extending the reach of our world-renowned research
11 universities; and

12 WHEREAS, This academic year, each of these 25 year old
13 university campuses are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the
14 day the State of Washington made it possible for them to enroll
15 their first students;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
17 Senate honor the 25th anniversary of the founding of the UW
18 Bothell, UW Tacoma, WSU Spokane, WSU Tri-Cities, and WSU
19 Vancouver campuses during this celebratory year, reaffirming our
20 shared dedication to educational excellence and access to
21 education for the citizens of Washington; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
23 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
24 chancellors of these distinguished institutions.

25 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
26 do hereby certify that this is a true and
27 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8663,
28 adopted by the Senate
29 April 13, 2015

30 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
31 Secretary of the Senate