

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4611, by Representative Graves

1 WHEREAS, The students of the Tahoma High School enrolled in the
2 We the People: The Citizen and Constitution program have displayed
3 great knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and the
4 lessons taught by our forefathers; and

5 WHEREAS, On Saturday, January 7, 2017, the state "We the People"
6 competition was won by the team from Tahoma High School, marking the
7 school's 20th state championship; and

8 WHEREAS, These students will represent their state at the "We the
9 People" finals in Washington, D.C., where they will represent their
10 school and area while staying true to the standards of excellence for
11 which Tahoma High School is known; and

12 WHEREAS, These students have immersed themselves in the United
13 States Constitution and Bill of Rights, and their extraordinary
14 understanding of the country's founding documents and principles and
15 formidable debate skills have inspired those who have watched them
16 progress to the level of state champions; and

17 WHEREAS, The Tahoma team is coached by Gretchen Wulfing, who was
18 named Washington's Civic Educator of the Year in 2011 and who
19 continues to promote the importance of teaching American
20 constitutional democracy; and

21 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that 80 percent of high school
22 seniors in the program are registered to vote, compared to an average

1 of 37 percent among other high school seniors, proof that "We the
2 People" instills greater interest in participating in government; and

3 WHEREAS, Tahoma High School has an excellent record of success in
4 competitions at the national level, placing fourth in the nation in
5 2000; capturing the Western Regional Award in 2001, 2008, and 2014;
6 taking the top Unit Two in the Nation Award in 2003; placing in the
7 top ten in 2012 and 2013; and earning the top Unit Five in the Nation
8 Award in 2010 and 2011;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
10 honor Zoe Brown, Noah Casey, Jessica Davies, Jonathan Feher, David
11 Ferrer, Jandrea Grobbelaar, Makaila Heifner, Lydia Kropelnicki,
12 Kieran Lowe, Michelle McLoughlin, Rosella Miller, Calista Moore,
13 Taylor Murrey, Cameron Musard, Amber Neathery, Ryan Nelson, Jared
14 Perrine, James Riordan, Peter Seely, Matthew Simmons, Everett Wall,
15 Benjamin Weaver, and Tierra Wilson as "Warriors of the Constitution";
16 and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
18 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
19 Representatives to the members of Tahoma High School's "We the
20 People" team, to team advisor Gretchen Wulfing, and to Tahoma High
21 School principal Terry Duty to convey the respect of this body for a
22 job well done and to wish them success in their continuing endeavors.

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