## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4621, by Representatives Kraft, Harris, and Pike

- WHEREAS, Each summer, Edinburgh is awash with performers pursuing their dreams of stardom: Mime artists and ukulele players, contemporary Russian dancers and comedians, and, perhaps most incongruously of all, hundreds of American high school students; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Sometimes dreams really do come true; and
- WHEREAS, The Battle Ground High School drama club received a coveted spot performing at the 2017 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the world's largest performing arts festival; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The American High School Theatre Festival, a one-of-a-10 kind theatre opportunity, runs in conjunction with the world's 11 largest performing arts festival, the world-renowned Edinburgh 12 Festival Fringe; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Accepted theatre groups spend a total of two weeks in 14 the UK, performing their own production, attending Fringe shows, and 15 touring Scotland and England; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Out of the 3,000 high schools in North America nominated 17 by a professional academic in the theater world, only 40 of the top 18 schools are selected to participate; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The students will travel to London first, then to 20 Edinburgh in August 2017; and
- 21 WHEREAS, In Edinburgh, Scotland they will perform "Almost, 22 Maine," their winter show, which opened in February; and

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| 1  | WHEREAS, They will be featured among more than 50,000                 |
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| 2  | performances, more than 3,000 shows, and in nearly 300 venues across  |
| 3  | the city; and   |
| 4  | WHEREAS, The drama club is in their fourth year as a program; and     |
| 5  | WHEREAS, They currently present three performances a year,            |
| 6  | including a musical and a play by William Shakespeare in alternating  |
| 7  | years; and  |
| 8  | WHEREAS, In order to be an official member of the drama club, a       |
| 9  | student must be involved in at least one production during a school   |
| 10 | year, either as a cast member or as a member of the crew (lights,     |
| 11 | sound, stage crew, hair and make-up, set construction); and           |
| 12 | WHEREAS, The club is dedicated to the belief that all students        |
| 13 | are to be accepted, regardless of who they are or what they believe;  |
| 14 | and   |
| 15 | WHEREAS, The club is a completely welcoming family; a group that      |
| 16 | does not judge anyone and accepts everyone; and                       |
| 17 | WHEREAS, The Battle Ground drama club seeks to create a safe          |
| 18 | space for anyone who feels that they do not quite fit in anywhere     |
| 19 | else, but knows they would fit in with the drama club family;         |
| 20 | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House       |
| 21 | of Representatives recognize that the Battle Ground High School drama |
| 22 | club was selected to perform at this prestigious festival and honor   |
| 23 | the work and mission of the drama club; and                           |
| 24 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be             |
| 25 | immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of            |
| 26 | Representatives to the members of the Battle Ground High School drama |
| 27 | club and its faculty.   |
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| 29 | I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of                |
| 30 | Resolution 4621 adopted by the House of Representatives               |
| 31 | March 2, 2017   |
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk

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