

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Baumgartner

1 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Washington builds communities and leads
2 in wellness through sports and inclusion; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 17,000 athletes participate in Special
4 Olympics Washington activities and over 3.5 million athletes compete
5 in Special Olympics programs internationally; and

6 WHEREAS, The annual Winter Games in Wenatchee brings together
7 athletes and unified partners from across Washington for the
8 culminating Winter season competition with the support of 600 local
9 and statewide volunteers; and

10 WHEREAS, Special Olympics supports a global campaign to end the
11 "R-word" with a focused campaign happening today, March 7th
12 throughout the nation and world; and

13 WHEREAS, Athletes with intellectual disabilities pair with
14 persons without disabilities and form teams for training and
15 competition; and

16 WHEREAS, Unified Sports integrates Special Olympics athletes with
17 other athletes to build self-esteem and increase understanding of
18 persons with different abilities; and

19 WHEREAS, Special Olympics youth programs are education and
20 sports-based strategies powered by an engaged youth community that
21 increases athletic and leadership opportunities for students with and
22 without intellectual disabilities, while creating communities of
23 acceptance; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 8,000 volunteers support Special Olympics
2 Washington activities, serving as coaches, sports officials,
3 committee members, and on-site volunteers at competitions and
4 fundraising events;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
6 recognize and honor Special Olympics Washington, its volunteers,
7 partnering sponsors, and athlete participants; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
9 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Special
10 Olympics Washington.

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