

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4638, by Representative Dolan

1 WHEREAS, Excellence in education is vital to the success of our
2 state and nation; and in the great state of Washington we seek the
3 betterment of our population and look to provide each child and
4 adolescent with a good education; and

5 WHEREAS, Education develops the intellect through lessons in
6 literacy, math, and science, thereby preparing students for the
7 responsibilities and opportunities of the future; and

8 WHEREAS, The character of our young people is strengthened by
9 lessons in courage and compassion and serving a cause greater than
10 one's self. By encouraging a spirit of service in our children, we
11 create a more optimistic future for them and our state; and

12 WHEREAS, One shining example for all people of what education
13 ought to be was provided by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, a
14 global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of
15 mankind. A tireless advocate for youth around the world, the Rebbe
16 emphasized the importance of education and good character and
17 instilled the hope for a brighter future into the lives of countless
18 people in the United States and across the globe; and

19 WHEREAS, As taught by Rabbi Schneerson, education should not be
20 limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career
21 but for the betterment of society as a whole. The educational system
22 must pay more attention to the building of character, emphasizing
23 moral and ethical values, which are part of society's foundation; and

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting
2 contributions toward improvements in education, ethics, morality, and
3 acts of charity, he has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and
4 the United States Congress has established his birth date as a
5 national day to raise awareness and improve the education of our
6 children; and

7 WHEREAS, The President of the United States has historically paid
8 recognition to the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by
9 proclaiming it *Education & Sharing Day USA*; and

10 WHEREAS, The President has proclaimed Tuesday, April 16, 2019, to
11 be: EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
13 of Representatives recognize this day and call upon government
14 officials, educators, volunteers, and all Washingtonians to reach out
15 to young people and work to create a better, brighter, and more
16 hopeful future for all.

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