

SENATE RESOLUTION

8614

By Senators Mullet, Das, and Hasegawa

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

5 WHEREAS, On Saturday, January 12, 2019, the Tahoma High School
6 team won the state We the People competition, the school's 10th
7 consecutive state championship and its twenty-third state
8 championship in the last twenty-five years; and

9 WHEREAS, These students will represent their state this spring at
10 the thirty-second annual We the People finals in Washington, D.C.,
11 where they will aspire to uphold the standards of excellence for
12 which Tahoma High School is known; and

13 WHEREAS, The Tahoma team is coached by Gretchen Wulfing, who was
14 named Washington's Civic Educator of the Year in 2011 and was honored
15 as one of Washington's Civic Educators of 2016, and who, having
16 coached Tahoma's team for eleven years, has significantly deepened
17 her students' knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights,
18 helping them build important 21st-century workplace skills, such as
19 working cooperatively as a team, public speaking, managing conflict,
20 and reaching consensus; and

21 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that students who participate in the
22 We the People program score significantly higher than their peers on
23 tests of both civic knowledge and civic dispositions, including

1 respect for the rule of law, political attentiveness, civic
2 duty, community involvement, commitment to government service,
3 and the norms of political efficacy and political tolerance; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2018 the Tahoma team took seventh place at the
5 We the People National Finals in Washington, D.C., marking the
6 fifth time in the last seven years that the school has advanced
7 to the top ten at the finals;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honor Leah
9 Billings, Hitesh Boinpally, Jeremiah Briere, Mahek Buddhdeo,
10 Jacob Burianek, Aidan Callen, Victoria Chung, Melinda Day, Emily
11 DeBolt, Elizabeth Diaz, Drew Fleming, Jacquelyn Gaither, Joshua
12 Hren, Makenna Kilgallon, Gabriel Kilwein, Madeleine Magana,
13 Sierra Muehlbauer, Estelle Neathery, Madeline Nielsen, Emma
14 Percival, Laura Pierson, Joseph Ribera, Christina Ring, Briana
15 Rogers, Eric Rogers, Laena Tieng, Adam Wengreen, and Anika
16 Wilson as "Warriors of the Constitution"; and

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

23 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8614,
26 adopted by the Senate
27 February 27, 2019

28 BRAD HENDRICKSON
29 Secretary of the Senate