

SENATE RESOLUTION

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1 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings was born in Edmonds, Washington, on May 23,
2 1974, and grew up watching *Jeopardy!*; and

3 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings, who played Quiz Bowl in college, was
4 invited to compete on *Jeopardy!* for the first time on the June 2,
5 2004, episode of the 20th season; and

6 WHEREAS, Many current Quiz Bowl champs covet his renowned "Potent
7 Potables" flashcards; and

8 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings won 74 consecutive appearances on *Jeopardy!*
9 making him a giant in the eyes of Alex Trebek and the history of
10 *Jeopardy!*; and

11 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings set a world record for most cash won on a
12 game show and a *Jeopardy!* record for the longest streak of wins; and

13 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings became known across the country as "the
14 Michael Jordan of trivia, the Seabiscuit of geekdom"; and

15 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings has a strong Kennection to Washington and
16 lives in the City of Seattle; and

17 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings is a prolific author and has shared his
18 genius with children through his *Junior Genius Guides* series; and

19 WHEREAS, Seattle Times readers are inspired by his choice in
20 books and all copies of "The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy" are
21 currently on hold at local libraries; and

22 WHEREAS, If *Jeopardy!* gave out rings, he would certainly be a
23 lord of them; and

1 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings may not be smarter than a 5th grader, but
2 is unquestionably a brilliant mind; and
3 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings knows without help from Watson or the
4 computer overlords that Iago has 272 speeches, the most of any
5 nontitle character in a Shakespeare tragedy; and
6 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings won the Greatest of All Time Championship
7 game of *Jeopardy!* on January 14, 2020; and
8 WHEREAS, Becoming a G.O.A.T. is considered worthy of honor from
9 his home state; and
10 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings exhibited an admirable camaraderie with his
11 *Jeopardy!* G.O.A.T. co-contestants, James Holzhauer and Brad Rutter,
12 showing the world how to compete at an elite level while also having
13 fun on and off screen, often at each other's expense, even with the
14 grand title and one million dollars on the line; and
15 WHEREAS, Ken Jennings is a home state hero and the people's champ
16 for his intelligence and fleet wit and for his many accomplishments;
17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the answer to the clue "He
18 won the Endgame of *Jeopardy!* and the Greatest of All Time title," is
19 "Who is Ken Jennings?"; and
20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor
21 and congratulate Ken Jennings on winning the *Jeopardy!* Greatest of
22 All Time competition and for his career both on *Jeopardy!* and off.

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