

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4636, by Representatives Bateman, J. Johnson, Dolan, Slatter, Taylor, Sells, Santos, Wicks, Ryu, Walen, Simmons, Callan, Rule, and Orwall

1 WHEREAS, When The Evergreen State College's first class entered
2 in 1971, the college was seen by many as a grand experiment; and

3 WHEREAS, Former Governor and United States Senator Daniel J.
4 Evans signed legislation authorizing the formation of the college and
5 played a key role in shaping the college as Evergreen President; and

6 WHEREAS, The creation of a four-year public college without
7 grades or majors signaled that the people were ready to explore new
8 possibilities for their educational institutions—to see what would
9 happen if we gave people more freedom to formally pursue what they
10 were most passionate about; and

11 WHEREAS, Evergreen's unique design put students and faculty in
12 close collaboration with each other, and the college quickly became a
13 place bursting with creativity and innovation; and

14 WHEREAS, Ever-evolving to meet the needs of students, Evergreen
15 continues to carry that spirit for learning as it celebrates its
16 50th anniversary; and

17 WHEREAS, Famous Evergreen graduates include Ben Haggerty (known
18 as Macklemore), Matt Groening, Joyce McConnell (first female
19 president of Colorado State University), and Elizabeth Furse (first
20 African-born naturalized citizen elected to Congress); and

21 WHEREAS, The way that Evergreen teaches people to work together
22 has played a big role in the success of its alumni; and

