

SENATE RESOLUTION

8635

By Senators Hunt, Robinson, Das, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Lovick, Nobles, Randall, Saldaña, Wellman, and C. Wilson

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 that
7 prioritized teaching and learning over grades or majors signaled that
8 the people were ready to explore new possibilities for their
9 educational institutions—to see what would happen if we empowered
10 people to formally pursue what they 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 and the
15 state of Washington, Evergreen continues to carry that spirit for
16 learning as it celebrates its 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), Elizabeth Furse (first
20 African-born naturalized citizen elected to Congress), Denny Heck,
21 Yasmin Trudeau, Sharon Tomiko Santos, and Jessica Bateman; and

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

1 WHEREAS, From the beginning, Evergreen has sought to
2 bolster access to its dynamic learning model, especially for
3 populations who have historically been excluded from higher
4 education; and

5 WHEREAS, Evergreen welcomes those who seek an affordable
6 education that will launch them into the future they envision
7 for themselves, and the college does everything in its power
8 to help them achieve success; and

9 WHEREAS, Evergreen has always been about giving people the
10 support they need, whether it is an advisor showing a first-
11 generation student how to navigate their career opportunities, a
12 faculty member empowering someone to overcome their fear of
13 math, or a tutor encouraging a fellow student to dig deeper into
14 their ideas; and

15 WHEREAS, Evergreen has prepared people to meet their futures
16 with confidence, equipping graduates for careers in public
17 service, science, entrepreneurship, education, and the arts; and

18 WHEREAS, No longer an experiment, this year Evergreen honors
19 its past, celebrates the present, and projects its strengths
20 toward the future;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
22 Senate celebrate The Evergreen State College and its 50 years;
23 and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
25 transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to President John
26 Carmichael, the Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State
27 College, and Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck.

28 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
29 do hereby certify that this is a true and
30 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8635,
31 adopted by the Senate
32 January 19, 2022

33 SARAH BANNISTER
34 Secretary of the Senate