

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4680, by Representative Jinkins

1 WHEREAS, The Oasis Youth Center in Tacoma, Washington has been  
2 serving the greater Pierce county community for nearly 40 years; and

3 WHEREAS, In that time more than 10,000 youth, staff, and  
4 volunteers have participated in Oasis; and

5 WHEREAS, The Oasis Youth Center provides a safe place for LGBTQ+  
6 youth to learn more about themselves; and

7 WHEREAS, They help youth in Tacoma and across Pierce county  
8 access services like mental health care, emergency financial  
9 assistance, housing, education, legal resources, and more; and

10 WHEREAS, They have hosted Thursday night check-ins almost every  
11 week for the last 39 years, giving youth a space to gather, access  
12 resources, and build community; and

13 WHEREAS, The Oasis Youth Center provides leadership opportunities  
14 by partnering with the youth they serve, ensuring that young people  
15 have a shared role in the organization; and

16 WHEREAS, You can find them hosting everything from open mic  
17 nights to "Queer Chef," where youth learn about cooking, food, and  
18 nutrition, to creating partnerships with the Tacoma Youth Symphony  
19 where youth can access music programming; and

20 WHEREAS, These services can be lifesaving for our LGBTQ+ youth,  
21 helping to build our communities and ensuring everyone has the  
22 resources they need to thrive;

1        NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House  
2 of Representatives celebrate the Oasis Youth Center for their many  
3 decades of work on behalf of the LGBTQ+ youth in Pierce county.

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