

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98-4702**, by Representatives Johnson and Eickmeyer

WHEREAS, The Southside School Board has been recognized as the 1997 Washington State School Board of the Year; and

WHEREAS, It is the mission of the school districts across the state of Washington to provide every student with the best possible education; and

WHEREAS, School boards set policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

WHEREAS, The Southside School Board has kept its attention focused on involving parents, educators, students, and community members in the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, This effort has succeeded in providing the Southside community with a sense of public ownership and pride in the Southside School District; and

WHEREAS, Serving on a school board requires a considerable devotion of time and service to carry out the mission and business of the school district; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the Southside School Board has demonstrated a genuine commitment to striving for high quality public education that supports the full development of all children and the present and future welfare of the local community; and

WHEREAS, The Southside School Board's dedication to school accountability is clearly communicated by the district's Annual Performance Report, in which the parents and community are informed of student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Southside School Board members have responded on behalf of the Shelton community to the educational needs of the students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the 1997 Southside School Board, Chairperson Mel Kirpes, Vice-Chairperson Dr. Kathryn Haigh, Don Robbins, Bill Sloane, John E. Halver IV, Mike Sheetz, Walter E. Sande, and Don Pogreba, be commended for their dedication to their community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and honor the Southside School Board for their achievements as the 1997 Washington State School Board of the Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Chairperson Mel Kirpes and the members of the Southside School Board.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4702 adopted by the House of Representatives  
March 3, 1998.

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Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk