

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2007-4615, by Representative Kessler

WHEREAS, The 4-H Youth Development Program of Washington State University Extension has assisted the young people of Washington in developing essential "life skills" since it was established in 1902; and

WHEREAS, The program centers on teaching young people to become productive members of society by fostering citizenship, science, math and technology literacy, health and wellness, communication, and decision-making skills; and

WHEREAS, Over 80,000 young people and nearly 10,000 adult volunteers throughout Washington participated in 4-H Youth Development Programs in 2006; and

WHEREAS, These programs helped participants learn about a wide variety of subjects including science, family living, applied arts, and government activism; and

WHEREAS, These programs work with traditional community clubs and reach youth through urban groups, special interest groups, nutrition programs, after school programs, camping, and interagency learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, More than 300 4-H members from around the state are currently visiting the State Capital as part of an annual statewide education program titled "4-H Know Your Government"; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H Know Your Government program focused this year on the media's influence and relationship with the political process and bettering the understanding of the issues related to pivotal political happenings; and

WHEREAS, 4-H will continue its dedication to empowering young people to become active global citizens and realize the value, significance, and responsibility of taking part in local, regional, state, national, and international community issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the 4-H Youth Development Program for its many contributions to the youth of Washington and the betterment of our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Pat Boyes, the State 4-H Director for the Washington State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.