

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2007-4627, by Representatives Hudgins, Pedersen, Dickerson, McDermott, Miloscia, O'Brien, Priest, Sommers, Kagi, Hankins and Skinner

WHEREAS, The Northwest Boychoir is comprised of approximately 150 boys ages 6 to 13 from 17 cities, 3 counties, and 80 public and private schools in the Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Boychoir has been designated as Washington State's official Singing Ambassadors by Governors Gregoire, Locke, Lowry, Spellman, and Gardner; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Boychoir is the official boychoir for the Seattle Symphony and Seattle Opera, and performs with Orchestra Seattle, the Seattle Philharmonic, the Seattle Chamber Players, and Seattle Choral Company; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Boychoir has performed for the Mariners, the Sonics, the Sounders, the Boeing Museum of Flight, and scores of schools, retirement homes, and community events across Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Boychoir has traveled the world, putting a song in the hearts of people from Westminster Abbey to National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Boychoir was invited to sing with New York Metropolitan Opera tenor Carl Tanner on his nationally released Christmas CD in 2006; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Boychoir collaborated with Music of Remembrance on the production of the United States premier of the children's opera Brundibar which was performed by children in the Terazin concentration camp during World War II, followed by a studio recording of the work, which was released nationally in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Crnko, now in his 23rd year as Music Director, and the staff of professional musicians and educators of the Northwest Boychoir are engaged in teaching a rigorous curriculum of music theory, voice production, sight singing, and performance skills, as well as the development of high standards and artistic excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Boychoir is regarded as one of the nation's premier boychoirs, due to their musical sophistication, rich tonal quality, dedication to exacting perfection, and extensive performance schedule; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Boychoir has, for 35 years, trained thousands of young singers, and positively shaped lives of the region's youth by teaching important lessons in personal commitment, the value of teamwork, and diligence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby recognize the talented young men of the Northwest Boychoir, who faithfully rehearse many hours each week for the love of singing and the pursuit of musical excellence, and musically express the vitality and quality of life unique to the Pacific Northwest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Northwest Boychoir.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4627 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 26, 2007

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk