<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2009-4634</u>, by Representatives Quall, Sullivan, Priest, Anderson, Maxwell, Dammeier, and Kenney

WHEREAS, The Washington Constitution states that making ample provision for the education of all children residing in the state of Washington is the paramount duty of the state; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Constitution states that the legislature shall provide for a general and uniform system of public schools; and

WHEREAS, In order to provide children a quality education, there must be an excellent teacher in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Teachers deserve recognition for the education they provide students; and

WHEREAS, There are over sixty thousand dedicated teachers in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Students are our future; and

WHEREAS, Teachers are being asked to meet higher state and federal standards; and

WHEREAS, Washington state students have had their education significantly enhanced by excellent teachers; and

WHEREAS, One teacher is recognized each year for his or her excellence from the nine Educational Service Districts; and

WHEREAS, Each year the nine Educational Service Districts select one teacher to be Washington's Teacher of the Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor Susan Johnson, Language Arts Teacher at Cle Elum-Roslyn High School as the 2009 Washington State Teacher 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 Susan Johnson.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4634 adopted by the House of Representatives April 13, 2009

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk