

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4609, by Representatives Appleton, Rolfes, Ladenburg, and Maxwell

WHEREAS, Washington state's greatest asset is the creative, collaborative, and innovative people in its workforce, and Washington schools are an important factor in preparing young adults for the global workforce; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 20,000 arts related businesses in Washington State employ close to 64,000 people; and

WHEREAS, The arts make a tremendous impact on the developmental growth of every child and have been proven to help level the "learning field" across socioeconomic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Young people who participate in the arts are more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, elected to class office within their schools, and have strong school attendance; and

WHEREAS, The arts can teach and inspire students about different cultures through dance, music, theatre, and visual art; and

WHEREAS, The arts are core subjects as defined by state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, Students with high arts involvement are more than three times less likely to drop out of school by their sophomore year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize teachers, instructors, and volunteers who bring arts to our children in public schools.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4609 adopted by the House of Representatives  
January 31, 2011

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk