

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4642, by Representative Upthegrove

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State share a border, many natural resources, and geological and geographic similarities; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State often work together to achieve mutual goals; and

WHEREAS, The primary purpose of the Washington State Constitution is the education of our youth in order to prepare them to lead us into the future; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia recognizes the importance and value of quality civic education; and

WHEREAS, Washington State and British Columbia are sponsors of nationally renowned legislative internship programs; and

WHEREAS, Washington State undergraduate interns work during their winter quarter or spring semester with staff and members of the Washington State House of Representatives or Senate here in Olympia; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their office work, interns participate in weekly academic seminars and workshops learning about the process of a representative democracy with a bicameral legislature; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia parliamentary internship offers an opportunity to university graduates to supplement their academic training by observing the daily workings of Washington State's Legislature and British Columbia's Parliament firsthand; and

WHEREAS, Interns acquire skills and knowledge they can apply in their chosen careers and future life experiences that will further contribute to a greater public understanding and appreciation of parliamentary government; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State Legislative interns have participated in an exchange program to explore and learn about each other's government processes on eight prior occasions; and

WHEREAS, We welcome the British Columbia Parliamentary interns to the Washington State Legislature and commend their numerous academic achievements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor the hardworking and dedicated British Columbian Parliamentary intern program facilitators: Karen Aitken and Jacqueline Quesnel, as well as the British Columbian Parliamentary interns: Matt Dell, Annabel Rixen, Elise Palmer, Geordon Omand, Gordon Robinson, Graeme Scott, Caroline Lee, Heather Doi, Katie Comley, and Christine Fritze; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington hereby honor, thank, and celebrate the British Columbian Parliamentary internship participants here today.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4642 adopted by the House of Representatives  
March 21, 2011

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk