

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4657, by Representatives Blake, Warnick, Lytton, Hasegawa, Pearson, McCune, Haigh, Orcutt, Fagan, Armstrong, Kenney, Rivers, Nealey, Buys, Short, Ryu, Hinkle, Jinkins, Kristiansen, Appleton, Wilcox, Smith, McCoy, Eddy, Ross, Santos, Roberts, Hunt, Sells, Schmick, Seaquist, Hansen, Angel, Johnson, Dammeier, Hunter, Finn, Crouse, Maxwell, Zeiger, Kretz, Bailey, and Clibborn

WHEREAS, The 4-H Youth Development Program of Washington State University Extension has assisted the young people in Washington to develop 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, Nearly 90,000 young people and 8,000 adult volunteers throughout Washington participated in 4-H Youth Development Programs in 2011; 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 capitol as part of an annual statewide educational program titled "4-H Know Your Government;" and

WHEREAS, The 4-H Know Your Government program focused this year on the election process, including building a political platform based on community issues and electing a candidate and bettering the understanding of the issues related to pivotal political happenings; and

WHEREAS, 4-H will continue its dedication to empower 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 members of the Washington State 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 to Pat Boyes, the State 4-H Director for the Washington State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4657 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 2, 2012

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk