HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4666, by Representatives Dolan, Steele, and Bergquist

WHEREAS, Robust educational programs promote civility to encourage pivotal participation in our state's legislative processes and democratic institutions; and

WHEREAS, Civic education fortifies collaboration between educators, legislators, and students statewide; and

WHEREAS, Civic education is provided statewide in schools by instructors through curriculums that include government, history, law, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, Organizations including TVW, the Secretary of State, Legislative Youth Advisory Council, Washington World Fellows, 4-H Know Your Government, Department of Children, Youth, and Families, We the People, League of Women Voters, YMCA Youth in Government, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction - History Day, the Treasurer, iCivics, Model United Nations, Boys State, Girls state, Youth Ambassadors, Association of Washington Student Leaders, Junior State of America, and Americorps are keen on making civic education a priority for Washington state and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives exhibits responsibility to civic education through the Washington State Legislative Internship Program; and

WHEREAS, The 2020 Legislative Internship Program includes students from seventeen of Washington's public and private institutions; and

WHEREAS, Participants in the Legislative Internship Program and other highlighted institutions leave their programs as stronger students, and civically engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives demonstrates responsibility to civic education through the Legislative Page Programs and Page School; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of students from across Washington have the opportunity each year to observe the legislative process and other branches of state government in action as pages; and

WHEREAS, Legislative support of educational opportunities for youth and the general public is essential to civility in the state; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives celebrate Civic education and honor the contributions of teachers, principals, community leaders, parents, state employees, interns, pages, and volunteers that help form an engaged citizenry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives show gratitude and thank the civic educators of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the civic education organizations participating in Civic Education, schools of students participating in the Legislative Page School, and colleges and universities participating in the Washington State Legislative Internship Program.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of

Resolution 4666 adopted by the House of Representatives

February 24, 2020

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk