By Senators Wilson, C., Das, Gildon, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Nobles, Stanford, and Warnick

1 WHEREAS, The Washington State Constitution states that it is "the 2 paramount duty of the state to educate all children residing within 3 its borders..."; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington state is committed to preparing every student 5 for postsecondary pathways, careers, and civic engagement; and

6 WHEREAS, Education is key to the future of students in the K-12 7 education system and the future of our state's economy; and

8 WHEREAS, Rare is the adult who does not vividly remember at least 9 one teacher or school leader as having played a pivotal, lasting, and 10 unforgettable role in their education and personal growth; and

11 WHEREAS, The education and training of future educators, 12 principals, and assistant principals is essential to meeting the 13 state's goals for public education; and

14 WHEREAS, The Association of Washington School Principals has 15 followed a tradition of recognizing February as Future Educators 16 Month since 2015 and is now joined by the Washington Association of 17 School Administrators; and

18 WHEREAS, The purpose of this practice is to inspire, celebrate, 19 and raise awareness of the field of education for high school and 20 college students who may be interested in becoming teachers, and for 21 teachers and educational leaders who may be interested in becoming 22 principals; and 1 WHEREAS, The recruitment, placement, and retention of anti-2 racist future educators, principals, and assistant principals, 3 and those who represent the demographics of the schools and 4 cities in which they work, is crucial to the enrichment of 5 students' educational experience;

THEREFORE, 6 NOW, ΒE ΙT RESOLVED, That the Senate, in 7 recognition of the importance of expanding and sustaining the 8 pathway of future teachers and principals, and raising awareness 9 about this critical career field, join the Association of 10 Washington School Principals and Washington Association of 11 School Administrators in celebrating the month of February as 12 Future Educators Month.

13 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,

- 14 do hereby certify that this is a true and
- 15 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8605,
- 16 adopted by the Senate
- 17 February 2, 2021
- 18 BRAD HENDRICKSON
- 19 Secretary of the Senate