

HOUSE RESOLUTION 096-472 By Representative Schmidt

WHEREAS it is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS The Cedarwood Elementary School Class 2 taught by Frau' Rourke has distinguished itself through its innovative approach to learning and its unique curriculum and

WHEREAS In conjunction with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California, the Cedarwood Elementary School Class 2 will conduct a simulation of NASA's Bathfins Mission to the planet Mars which is the first mission to that planet in 20 years and the first in a series of missions to that planet set over the next 10 years and

WHEREAS The Pathfinder Mission, the noble and intrepid effort to expand the frontiers of human knowledge and exploration, will launch from planet Earth on December 5, 1996, arriving at Mars on July 9, 1997 and

WHEREAS Coinciding with the independent launch on July 4, 1997, the Pathfinder spacecraft will launch the Sojourner Rover which will land on the Martian surface to conduct a global survey, gather high resolution rock samples and other data for later scientific study and analysis, providing valuable scientific information;

WHEREAS The Cedarwood Elementary School Class 2 will completely simulate the Pathfinder Mission wherein Class 2 designed and created a simulated Martian surface, simulated a simulated Mars environment and will duplicate parallel steps of the actual mission creating a unique educational environment which has already received national recognition and is being included in an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the House of Representatives do hereby confer the highest level of excellence and professional status on Frau' Rourke and her educational development and challenge curriculum which will provide the best possible benefits to the students and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the House of Representatives do hereby confer the highest level of excellence on the students of Cedarwood Elementary School Class 2, for the extraordinary and desired assistance in creating a unique learning environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Frau' Rourke and the Cedarwood Elementary School Class 2, as well as the Principal of Cedarwood Elementary School.

Thereby certified to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 472 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 8, 1996.

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Timothy Martich, Chief Clerk