

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97-4631, by Representatives Johnson, Sheldon, Cooke, Cairnes, Carlson, Talcott, Huff, Robertson, Sherstad, Carrell, Ballasiotes, Radcliff, Buck, Mielke, Smith, Bush, Mason, Cole, Quall, L. Thomas, Benson, Honeyford, Sehlin, Hickel, K. Schmidt, Parlette, Alexander, Hankins, Skinner, D. Sommers, Sump, Zellinsky, Lambert, Sterk, Clements and D. Schmidt

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, The Hood Canal School District Number 404 instituted a program for nontraditional students in the fall of 1995 which is designated as "BOOTS", or Building Outstanding Outcomes for Non-traditional Students; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the BOOTS program is to keep at-risk youth in a school-related environment and to increase self-esteem for students having academic, behavioral, or juvenile-related difficulties at school or in the community; and

WHEREAS, BOOTS adheres to the philosophy that "perhaps the most important single cause of a person's success or failure educationally has to do with the question of what he believes about himself"; and

WHEREAS, BOOTS is a positive alternative to being suspended from school or spending time in juvenile detention; and

WHEREAS, The BOOTS curriculum includes special classes in survival skills and physical fitness, as well as a camping experience staffed by Washington National Guard personnel under the leadership of Captain Angela Jines; and

WHEREAS, Students entering the BOOTS program typically possess attitudes, and manifest behaviors, that are harmful to themselves as well as to their peers and the adults around them; and

WHEREAS, Students exiting the BOOTS program have undergone interactive experiences whereby their attitudes, beliefs about themselves, and the manner in which they behave at school are significantly improved; and

WHEREAS, The success of the BOOTS program is largely attributable to the concerned efforts and skills of BOOTS staff members Bert Miller and Chambliss Keith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor Bert Miller and Chambliss Keith, as well as Captain Angela Jines of the Washington National Guard, for the significant contribution that each is making to the lives of young men and women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Bert Miller, Chambliss Keith, and Captain Angela Jines, and to their respective supervisors, Principal Steve Salisbury and Lieutenant Colonel Drew Blazey, and to the Superintendent of the Hood Canal School District, John D. Meyer.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4631 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 8, 1997.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk