HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98-4711, by Representatives Cody and Veloria

WHEREAS, Athletics is one of the most effective ways for American teenagers to develop leadership skills, self-discipline, initiative, and confidence; and

WHEREAS, The communication and cooperation skills learned through athletics play a key role in the contributions of teenagers to home, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, The honor of being a teenager representing your high school across the country reflects positively upon the character of the school, the students, the parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Six students from Chief Sealth High School in Seattle completed a cross-country journey on in-line skates promoting Project Turning Point; and

WHEREAS, Project Turning Point is a program where students and administrators design activities to improve the school campus and its image, and epitomizes what high school students can do when allowed to use the education they have been given on projects they have ownership and control of; and

WHEREAS, The White House honored the Chief Sealth students and noted them as examples for President Clinton's Back To School campaign; and

WHEREAS, This Back To School campaign is a coalition of more than three thousand business, community, religious, and education organizations that encourages parents, grandparents, community leaders, employers and employees, members of the arts community, religious leaders, and every caring adult to play a more active role in improving education in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Project Turning Point is a model for others desiring to contribute in a positive manner for the benefit of the community and the schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and congratulate Amanda Kirk, Arturo Martinez, Jason Munoz, Alden Kroll, Amanda Hagar, and Justin Kuhn for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice in achieving this significant accomplishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the teachers, classmates, parents, and community of Seattle be recognized for the important part they played in helping these students excel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Amanda Kirk, Arturo Martinez, Jason Munoz, Alden Kroll, Amanda Hagar, and Justin Kuhn.

> I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4711 adopted by the House of Representatives March 6, 1998.

> > Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk