

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
1997-8677**

By Senators McAuliffe and Hargrove

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Baker and the Quilcene-Brinnon Schools Shellfish Science Club have earned the 1996 Environmental Protection Agency President's Environmental Youth Award for Region 10 for projects dedicated to the protection of shellfish habitat; and

WHEREAS, The students' exceptional hard work will be recognized on May 20, 1997, at a national award ceremony in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker and his science students have chosen to study the restoration of oyster and clam beds by capturing and raising shellfish on the East Quilcene Bay and Dabob Bay along Hood Canal; and

WHEREAS, The students used what they learned in the classroom to help build the population of oysters and create a market for commercial products; and

WHEREAS, Shellfish are an important element of the Jefferson County economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker and his students are excellent examples of what inspired teaching and inquisitive minds can accomplish when learning becomes a passion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is an inspiration for community service, having spent more than one hundred hours volunteering his time to increase the knowledge of his students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington salute Mr. Baker and his students, and the parents and administrators of the two hundred seventy-five-student school district, who supported this extraordinary club in its endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend community leaders, parents, and their children for their entrepreneurship and their quest in helping students learn from real-life experiences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Mr. Charles Baker; his students; and Eric Monroe, President of the Quilcene School District Board of Directors.

I, Mike O'Connell, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1997-8677,  
adopted by the Senate April 24, 1997.

MIKE O'CONNELL  
Secretary of the Senate