

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4619, by Representatives Veloria, Dunn and Thomas

WHEREAS, The Tukwila School District serves 2,550 students; and

WHEREAS, Students in the Tukwila School District represent many cultures and ethnic groups, speaking more than twenty-five languages; and

WHEREAS, Showalter and Cascade View schools were awarded Comprehensive School Demonstration grants for 1998-99; and

WHEREAS, The Tukwila School District has initiated a Professional Development School Partnership with the University of Washington for teacher training; and

WHEREAS, Cascade View school is conducting a Washington State Reading Corps Volunteer Tutoring Program; and

WHEREAS, The percentage of fourth grade students who met or exceeded state standards for learning on the WASL nearly tripled in math, doubled in reading, and rose significantly in listening between 1997 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, The Tukwila School District initiated a sister school/community partnership with the Village of Thillagrand, Senegal, with a visit by Mary Fertakis, school board director, and staff member Doug Bruce in February 1998; and

WHEREAS, Students from the Tukwila School District are visiting here today, February 10, 1999, escorted by Board Director Mary Fertakis, Superintendent Michael Silver, staff members, and parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognizes: The great contribution made by the Tukwila School District to the education of the young people of Washington State; the diversity of the Tukwila School District's student body; and the significant achievements of the Tukwila School District in meeting education standards. The House of Representatives also extends congratulations to the Tukwila School District, its staff, and parents for initiating an international partnership with the village of Thillagrand, Senegal.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4619 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 10, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk