HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2000-4731, by Representatives O'Brien, Wood, Wensman, Clements, Santos, Carlson, Quall, Edmonds, Thomas and McDonald

WHEREAS, February 16, 2000, has been designated Automotive Youth Educational Systems Day; and

WHEREAS, Profound economic and technological changes in our society are being rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on educational systems; and

WHEREAS, Automotive Youth Educational Systems provides Americans with a school-to-career connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated work force, which meets both academic and skills standards, fosters productivity in business and industry, and contributes to Washington state's leadership in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Automotive Youth Educational Systems gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating students, and giving automotive students leadership opportunities in the automotive industry and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Automotive Youth Educational Systems provides the model partnership between education and business and industry and with the Puget Sound Automobile Dealers Association and Automobile Service Association in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Automotive Youth Educational Systems provides a model articulation between the secondary system and the postsecondary system that allows high school students to progress based on what they know and can do; and

WHEREAS, The ever increasing cooperative efforts of Automotive Youth Educational Systems, business, and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire state by preparing students for a career forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the Automotive Youth Educational Systems programs in this state and support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4731 adopted by the House of Representatives February 16, 2000.