HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2000-4767, by Representatives DeBolt, Alexander, Dunn and Hatfield

WHEREAS, Centralia College is the state's oldest community college, having been in continuous operation since 1925; and

WHEREAS, Centralia College survived economic struggles during the Great Depression and a low enrollment crisis during World War II; and

WHEREAS, More than 130,000 students have taken advantage of Centralia College through its long history, with roughly 4,000 students enrolled each year; and

WHEREAS, Centralia College maintains one of the highest ratios of student-toservice district population among two-year colleges in Washington state and offers educational centers in outlying areas to serve students who might otherwise be denied access to higher education and training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Centralia College has an outstanding faculty with 20 Exceptional Faculty Award winners, a Washington State Professor of the Year, and numerous other state and nationally recognized staff; and

WHEREAS, Centralia College provides an excellent educational environment with academics, intramural activities, intercollegiate athletics, stimulating student speakers and entertainment packages, and other activities to enhance student life on campus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives congratulate the administration, faculty, and students of Centralia College as they celebrate the college's 75th year of continuous operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Centralia College President Dr. Hank Kirk and to the Centralia College Board of Trustees.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4767 adopted by the House of Representatives February 25, 2000.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk	Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Cle	erk