

**SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8738**

By Senators Goings, Rasmussen and McAuliffe

WHEREAS, the Puyallup School District plans to open its newest high school in September; and

WHEREAS, the new and aptly named Emerald Ridge High School will be unique, and is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Ridge is the first school in Washington actually designed with the state's new standards of academic achievement in mind; and

WHEREAS, the school's classrooms will all include project areas, where students can work and demonstrate their knowledge of subjects, thus furthering the goals of education reform, and preparing them for the achievement standards expected under the new Washington Assessment of Student Learning; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Ridge graduates will be considered successful when they become effective communicators, knowledgeable people, good problem solvers, healthy individuals, productive workers, and active citizens; and

WHEREAS, the new school's goals for education, its commitment to demonstrated knowledge, and its concept of success and ideas for how to help students attain it are the embodiment of education reform and are shared by the members of the Washington State Senate; and

WHEREAS, staff members at Emerald Ridge have the special responsibility that comes from opening a new school, and will have many opportunities to design programs, establish school traditions, and help shape the future of the South Hill community; and

WHEREAS, the voters in the Puyallup School District deserve recognition for demonstrating civic leadership by choosing to undertake this important project for the sake of their children's future; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Ridge High School will begin a new era in education in September under the able leadership of Principal Linda Quinn; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Ridge will be a crowning jewel for the community of South Hill and for public education in Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Washington State Senate do hereby recognize and honor the new and unique Emerald Ridge High School, and the overall goal and mission of education for the twenty-first century that represents, and we wish them all the best as they begin classes for the first time later this year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted immediately by the Secretary of the Senate to Emerald Ridge High School, in care of Principal Linda Quinn.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8738,
adopted by the Senate March 1, 2000.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate