SENATE RESOLUTION 2000-8764

By Senators Snyder, Spanel, Goings, Wojahn, Oke, Hale, Kohl-Welles and Winsley

WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Club has been an integral part of building the character of youth and changing young lives since 1860; and

WHEREAS, there are 2,500 Boys and Girls clubs and three million youth members nationally; and

WHEREAS, there are fifteen Boys and Girls Club Organizations, and seventy-seven individual Boys and Girls Club locations; and 52,000 youth members in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, involvement with the Boys and Girls Club gives children advantages that last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets and many do not have any adult care or supervision.

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club aims to let young people know that someone cares about them; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's national programs have taken members from the Clubhouse to the White House, from the games room to the corporate boardroom, and from the high school orchestra to Carnegie Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America has a lineup of nationally recognized programs that address today's most pressing youth issues, teaching young people the skills they need to succeed in life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Senate applauds the effort and work of the fifteen Boys and Girls Club organizations in Washington State and the positive programs they provide for our youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Senate encourages all alumni to Come on Home– during Boys and Girls Club week of April 9 - 15, to their club, and help the future generations of kids in our state and nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of Washington; the Boys and Girls Club of America Office, and to the Boys and Girls Clubs serving Washington State.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8764, adopted by the Senate March 8, 2000.

TONY M. COOK Secretary of the Senate