HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2002-4728, by Representatives Quall, Morris, Barlean and Sehlin

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College first opened its doors as Mount Vernon Junior College in Mount Vernon, Washington, on September 7, 1926; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College is the second-oldest community college to operate continuously in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College has served its community for 75 years, meeting the higher education needs of its constituents; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College opened branch campuses in Oak Harbor in 1970, and in Friday Harbor in 1975, expanding its ability to serve students and communities throughout Northwestern Washington; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College has been recognized nationally as a Learning College Champion by the League for Innovation of Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College has been recognized by Yahoo.com as the eleventh most-wired community college in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College serves approximately 7,000 students per quarter; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College has a rich history of serving the local community and hosting many international students; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College, by allowing countless working adults to retrain for new careers, has been and continues to be an invaluable resource in helping families adapt and prosper in today's rapidly changing economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor Skagit Valley College for 75 years of providing outstanding educational opportunities to the citizens of Skagit, Island, and San Juan Counties and Washington State.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of 4728 Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives February 28, 2002.