<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2005-4621</u>, by Representatives Hunter, Springer, B. Sullivan, McIntire, Conway, Simpson, Dunshee, Hasegawa, Appleton, Murray, Cody, Roberts, Lantz, Kagi, Quall, P. Sullivan, Chase, Sommers, Condotta, Jarrett, McCune, Cox, Roach, Talcott, Wallace, Priest, Nixon, Walsh, Buri, Haigh, Tom and Fromhold

WHEREAS, Providing a public education for all Washington state children is the paramount duty of the state; and

WHEREAS, Parental involvement in the education process increases student achievement; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Congress of Parents and Teachers, herein referred to as Washington State PTA, has advocated on behalf of all children and youth since 1905; and

WHEREAS, The 900 local Washington State PTA units throughout the state seek to bring parents and teachers together in close cooperation to educate and help our children meet Washington State Learning Standards; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Washington State PTA is to "Build a Better World for Children"; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State PTA provides a statewide and national network of parents and teachers to share ideas, solutions, and resources to solve problems; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Washington State PTA are comprised of local, grassroots advocates that are active in the home, school, community, and place of worship to promote the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State PTA provides leadership education and training to make members more effective advocates on behalf of children; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State PTA provides a voice for children in the legislative process in Olympia on many issues including internet safety, youth violence, levy/bond election, education reform, school class size, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Washington state students have had their education significantly enhanced by the Washington State PTA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the dedication and hard work of all its members.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4621 adopted by the House of Representatives February 15, 2005

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk