HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2005-4626, by Representatives P. Sullivan, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Buck, Buri, Campbell, Chandler, Chase, Chopp, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Cox, Crouse, Curtis, Darneille, DeBolt, Dickerson, Dunn, Dunshee, Eickmeyer, Ericks, Ericksen, Flannigan, Fromhold, Grant, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hankins, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Holmquist, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jarrett, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Kilmer, Kirby, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lantz, Linville, Lovick, McCoy, McCune, McDermott, McDonald, McIntire, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Murray, Newhouse, Nixon, O'Brien, Orcutt, Ormsby, Pearson, Pettigrew, Priest, Quall, Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Santos, Schindler, Schual-Berke, Sells, Serben, Shabro, Simpson, Skinner, Sommers, Springer, Strow, B. Sullivan, Sump, Takko, Talcott, Tom, Upthegrove, Wallace, Walsh, Williams, Wood and Woods

WHEREAS, It is our responsibility to educate our children to be not only good students and workers, but also good citizens, parents, and leaders; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives welcomes children into the House Chamber every Presidents' Day so they may witness the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Children need a first-hand look at their democracy because they, as voters and lawmakers, will soon take the reins of the state; and

WHEREAS, It is our duty to make good decisions to leave Washington state better than we found it, as our parents and grandparents worked hard to build the schools, roads, cities, and institutions that exist today; and

WHEREAS, We welcome to the House of Representatives the children here today, the high school students serving as pages, and the college students working as interns, and we hope their experience here inspires them to stay informed and involved in their democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and celebrate the children, youth, and students of Washington state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all the citizens of Washington to celebrate children on Children's Day and throughout the year by spending more quality time with children and emphasizing their special place in our lives.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4626 adopted by the House of Representatives February 18, 2005

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk