## SENATE RESOLUTION 8607

By Senators Mulliken, Deccio, Esser, McAuliffe, Doumit, Regala, Hargrove, Fraser, Rasmussen, Prentice and Spanel

WHEREAS, Catholic school educators have been enriching student's lives in Washington state for almost one hundred fifty years, beginning with the Sisters of Providence at Fort Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools throughout the state provide thousands of students a safe and thriving environment in which they can obtain quality education; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage and prepare students to obtain high levels of achievement through religious, academic, and cocurricular programs; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools across the state of Washington have approximately twentyeight thousand students receiving an exceptional education in ninety elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, Catholic school educators are dedicated to producing academically strong students who also commit themselves to service; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have trained many of our finest leaders throughout this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have been nationally recognized by the United States Department of Education as "Schools of Excellence"; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools across the nation are celebrating "Catholic Schools Week 2005: Faith in Every Student";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Catholic schools of Washington state and honor their academic excellence and faith-based instruction during this celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 30, 2005, through February 5, 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the school departments at the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Diocese of Spokane, and the Diocese of Yakima.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8607, adopted by the Senate January 31, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate