SENATE RESOLUTION 8642

By Senators Fraser and Johnson

WHEREAS, Theater programs allow young people to express themselves and develop their creativity, while promoting cultural enrichment in the community, and establishing a lifelong love of the arts; and

WHEREAS, Students of the Olympia High School theater program, with determination and perseverance, work tirelessly each year to perform a worthy tribute to the American musical; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2004, rehearsing night and day under the direction of Kathy Dorgan, this outstanding theater ensemble presented a commendable exhibition of live musical theater; and

WHEREAS, For five nights the young actors thrilled audiences with their extraordinary rendition of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls"; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's 5th Avenue Theater seeks to preserve and maintain the institution of performing arts, and nurtures and promotes young talent by honoring both students and teachers at their annual awards show; and

WHEREAS, Amidst stiff competition from across Puget Sound, Olympia High School was nominated in eight categories at the 5th Avenue High School Musical Awards, including outstanding group ensemble, chorus, choreography, and costume design; and

WHEREAS, To the delight of more than 1,700 screaming parents, teachers, and friends, these budding thespians swept the competition, winning for most outstanding direction, orchestra, and set design; and

WHEREAS, Having been declared the winner over six other high schools, Olympia High School secured an unforgettable victory--the evening's highest honor--most outstanding overall production of a musical;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate would like to recognize the talent, hard work, and commitment of both students and teachers at Olympia High School who worked so hard to make their production of "Guys and Dolls" a smashing success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Olympia High School.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8642, adopted by the Senate March 10, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate