By Senators Thibaudeau, Morton, Fraser and Johnson

WHEREAS, "CREATE," a grassroots arts program, was founded in 1995 in Pend Oreille County by five mothers in the community who were concerned about the decrease in the availability of arts programs in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that music and art enrichment programs are important components of a well-rounded education, the founders came together to fill a void in the community; and

WHEREAS, This arts and humanities program serves the geographically isolated and economically disadvantaged population of Pend Oreille County; and

WHEREAS, Various studies indicate that children involved in music, drama, and art programs not only do better in school, but are better equipped to explore their own creative potential; and

WHEREAS, This groundbreaking program gives novices and professional artists alike the opportunity to learn, grow, and showcase creative works through a variety of programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize "CREATE" as a resourceful and innovative community arts program, and recognize the founders and other supporters in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to "CREATE" founders: Martha Nichols, Joyce Weir, Nancy Cain, Carol Mack, Kate Drum, and "CREATE" managing director Lucy Wilson.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8714, adopted by the Senate February 14, 2006

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate