

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4659, by Representative Upthegrove

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State share a border, many natural resources, and geological and geographic similarities; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State often work together to achieve mutual goals; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Constitution expresses the paramount importance of education, which will help prepare young people to lead us into the future; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia recognizes the importance and value of quality civic education; and

WHEREAS, Washington State and British Columbia are sponsors of internationally renowned legislative internship programs; and

WHEREAS, Washington State undergraduate interns work during their winter quarter or spring semester with staff and members of the Washington State House of Representatives or Senate here in Olympia; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their office work, interns participate in weekly academic seminars and workshops learning about the process of a representative democracy with a bicameral legislature; and

WHEREAS, The British Columbia parliamentary internship offers an opportunity to university graduates to supplement their academic training by observing the daily workings of Washington State's Legislature and British Columbia's Parliament firsthand; and

WHEREAS, Interns acquire skills and knowledge they can apply in their chosen careers and future life experiences that will further contribute to a greater public understanding and appreciation of parliamentary government; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State Legislative interns have participated in an exchange program to explore and learn about each other's government processes on nine prior occasions; and

WHEREAS, We welcome the British Columbia Parliamentary interns to the Washington State Legislature and commend their numerous academic achievements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor the hardworking and dedicated British Columbian Parliamentary intern program facilitators: Karen Aitken and Jennifer Ives, as well as the British Columbian Parliamentary interns: Kristian Arciaga, Derek Csath, Leila Farmer, Jacob Helliwell, Paul Krawus, Carly Lewis, Ian Madison, Ella Rebalski, Matthew Scarr, and Colin Whelan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington hereby honor, thank, and celebrate the British Columbian Parliamentary internship participants here today.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4659 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 6, 2012

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk