

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8690**

By Senators Chase, Shin, Harper, Nelson, Pridemore, and Frockt

WHEREAS, Civic education is the foundation for an educated citizenry and a representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, In order to adequately prepare our state's youth for meaningful participation in our democratic institutions and processes, it is important to have strong educational resources aimed at teaching students and the public about the fragile nature of our Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Civic education is part of the fabric of our country and for all students in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, Civic education is a vital tool to promote greater understanding of the role of legislators in a representative democracy and the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, By gathering educators in the state capitol, we recognize the value of civic education in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, By so doing, a forum is established for civic educators across the state to collaborate with legislators and other supporters; and

WHEREAS, Many organizations such as the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, We the People Foundation, Washington Media Association, Washington State Council of Social Studies, 4-H, YMCA Youth & Government, Washington State Bar Association, Office of the Secretary of State, Washington State Historical Society, Legislative Scholars Program, League of Women Voters, and Service Learning of Washington are dedicated to making civic education a priority for Washington State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The contributions of committed teachers, principals, community leaders, parents, state employees, and volunteers contribute to the goals of these laudable organizations to create an engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate recognizes: Kathleen Casper of Tacoma, Ned Fadeley of Spokane, María Gillman of Seattle, Linnea Hirst of Seattle, Dianne Lundenberg of Everett, Judi MacRae of Shoreline, Steve Murphy of Enumclaw, Tom Nolet of Seattle, and Brad Soliday of Manson as finalists for Washington State Legislature's Civic Educators of the Year for 2012; and to the winners Ed Bergh Jr. of Olympia and Melissa Hernandez of Wenatchee; and

WHEREAS, On February 20, 2012, the Washington State Senate honors Civic Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the responsibility of civic educators across the state to serve and inform all Washingtonians and honor civic educators across the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate hereby honor, thank, and celebrate the civic educators of the state.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8690,
adopted by the Senate
February 20, 2012

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate