

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4666, by Representatives Jenkins and Fey

1 WHEREAS, Carla Santorno has received the 2016 Women in School
2 Leadership Award from the American Association of School
3 Administrators; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Santorno led her district in increasing graduation
5 rates by almost 30 percent across all demographic groups; and

6 WHEREAS, Under Ms. Santorno's leadership, Tacoma Public Schools
7 have initiated exceptional partnerships which have had positive
8 results for the Tacoma school community; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Santorno helped initiate and establish the formation
10 of innovative schools throughout the district that serve unique
11 student populations, including the School of the Arts (SOTA), the
12 Science and Math Institute (SAMI), and Lincoln Center; and

13 WHEREAS, Under Ms. Santorno's leadership, the district worked
14 with the University of Washington Tacoma to create the Whole Child
15 Initiative, a program that focuses on the whole child, including
16 their social and emotional well-being, as part of their educational
17 experience; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Santorno was among the first in the state to adopt
19 the academic acceleration policy for all students in the district,
20 automatically enrolling students in Advanced Placement courses; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Santorno worked with the Tacoma School Board to
22 implement all-day kindergarten classes before state funding was
23 allocated for this purpose, and moved aggressively to create

1 district-based prekindergarten classes, including a bilingual
2 preschool class where students learn to value their culture and home
3 language; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Santorno has had a huge positive impact on the
5 housing voucher and social service investment at McCarver Elementary
6 that has become a model program; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Santorno embodies the caliber of Washington's best
8 educators;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
10 recognize and honor the outstanding academic service of Carla
11 Santorno as Superintendent of Tacoma Public Schools; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
13 recognize and honor Ms. Santorno as a winner of the 2016 Women in
14 School Leadership Award, as a community member of Tacoma, and as a
15 nationally recognized educator of Washington State; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
17 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of the
18 Representatives to the Governor, the Superintendent of Public
19 Instruction, the School Superintendents Association, and Ms. Carla
20 Santorno of Tacoma Public Schools.

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22 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
23 Resolution 4666 adopted by the House of Representatives
24 February 18, 2016

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk