

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4612, by Representative Parker

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State House of
2 Representatives to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of
3 colleges and universities in the State of Washington; and

4 WHEREAS, Whitworth College, now Whitworth University, was founded
5 on February 20, 1890, in Sumner, Washington by George F. Whitworth;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 1914, Whitworth relocated to Spokane, Washington from
8 Tacoma, Washington, commencing classes in September 1914; and

9 WHEREAS, Spokane developer Jay P. Graves' generous offer of land
10 and the enthusiastic support of Spokane's citizens, who raised
11 significant donations towards a building fund, led to Whitworth's
12 impressive and now prestigious campus in north Spokane; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, Whitworth has a student body of 3,000 students
14 and a strong educational program, teaching students the principles of
15 their majors and the Christian principles Whitworth was founded upon;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Whitworth's mission is to provide its diverse student
18 body with an education of mind and heart, equipping its graduates to
19 serve humanity; and

20 WHEREAS, The students who graduate from Whitworth go on not only
21 to apply what they have learned, but also to do so in a manner that
22 is singular to the ideals and morals of Whitworth; and

1 WHEREAS, An education received from Whitworth is marked by an
2 education of mind and heart, academic excellence, the integration of
3 faith and learning, and great opportunities to study abroad, enroll
4 in various internships and practicums, and receive an education that
5 is parallel to the great universities of our state; and

6 WHEREAS, Whitworth and the State of Washington have enjoyed a
7 strong and mutually enriching friendship that has benefited the
8 school, its students, and the citizens of Washington in immeasurable
9 ways; and

10 WHEREAS, Whitworth's academic honors, athletic victories, and
11 record of public service demonstrate the university putting its
12 mission into practice; and

13 WHEREAS, Whitworth's faculty and staff are given the freedom to
14 incite students to fearlessly ask questions, and go to great lengths
15 to prepare students for the work they will move on to after
16 graduation;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
18 of Representatives recognize the scholastic and athletic achievements
19 of Whitworth University, congratulate Whitworth University on its
20 125th anniversary, and honor Whitworth University's devotion to
21 educating students, which has made it among the most excellent
22 universities in Washington State; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
24 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
25 Representatives to Whitworth University.

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