

SENATE RESOLUTION

8698

By Senators Mullet, Fain, Litzow, and Fraser

1 WHEREAS, The students of the Tahoma High School enrolled in the
2 *We the People: The Citizen and Constitution* program have exhibited
3 superior knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and the
4 lessons taught by our forefathers; and

5 WHEREAS, On Saturday, January 9, 2016, the state *We the People*
6 competition was won by the team from Tahoma High School, marking the
7 school's 19th state championship; and

8 WHEREAS, From April 22, 2016, to April 25, 2016, these students
9 will represent their state at the 29th anniversary *We the People*
10 Finals in Washington, D.C., where they will aspire to uphold the
11 standards of excellence for which Tahoma High School is known; and

12 WHEREAS, These students have immersed themselves in the United
13 States Constitution and Bill of Rights, and their extraordinary
14 understanding of the country's founding documents and principles and
15 formidable debate skills have inspired those who have watched them
16 progress to the level of state champions; and

17 WHEREAS, The Tahoma team is coached by Gretchen Wulfin, who was
18 named Washington's Civic Educator of the Year in 2011 and who
19 continues to ingrain in her students the importance of learning about
20 American constitutional democracy and the contemporary relevance of
21 the nation's founding documents and principles; and

22 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that 80 percent of high school
23 seniors in the program are registered to vote, compared to an average

1 of 37 percent among other high school seniors, proof that *We the*
2 *People* instills greater interest in participating in government;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Tahoma High School has a distinguished record of
5 excellence in competitions at the national level, placing fourth
6 in the nation in 2000; capturing the Western Regional Award in
7 2001, 2008, and 2014; taking the top Unit Two in the Nation
8 Award in 2003; placing in the top ten in 2012 and 2013; and
9 earning the top Unit Five in the Nation Award in 2010 and 2011;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In 2015 the Tahoma team qualified for the top ten
12 and eventually finished fourth in the nation, posting the
13 highest finish in school and state history, for the third time
14 causing Tahoma to advance to the top ten;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honor Hannah
16 Adam, Marisa Allison, Stephen Brantzeg, Tyler Brazelton,
17 Christina Diaz, Laurel Dillon, Madalyn Drotning, Elizabeth
18 Duggan, Keegan Fitzpatrick, Davis George Galgano, Brittany
19 Glover, Alexander Goodell, Stella Hagen, Erin Kalb, Amy Kiefer,
20 Sarah Lincoln, Lane Lindblom, Alyna Morvice, Matthew Murphy,
21 Kaitlin Nickel, Kathryn Owen, Joshua Pennington, Kenneth
22 Perincheril, Jacob Robey, Jordan Smith, Peter Thomas, and Megan
23 Warren as "Warriors of the Constitution"; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
25 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
26 members of Tahoma High School's *We the People* team, team advisor
27 Gretchen Wulfing, and Tahoma High School principal Terry Duty to
28 convey the respect of this body for a job well done and to wish
29 them success in their continuing endeavors.

30 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
31 do hereby certify that this is a true and
32 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8698,
33 adopted by the Senate
34 February 3, 2016

35 HUNTER G. GOODMAN

1 Secretary of the Senate