

SENATE RESOLUTION

8712

By Senators Litzow, Jayapal, Fain, Habib, McAuliffe, Hill, and Fraser

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan Lafferty has ably served the Bellevue community
2 as a teacher and mentor for five years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty was nationally recognized, winning the
4 Milken Educator Award, and was the only teacher in Washington state
5 to do so; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty has a passion for learning and educating
7 that exceeds expectations, and inspires this passion within his
8 supervisors, peers, and students; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty instills a love of learning in his
10 students, keeping them engaged, excited, and challenged; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty pushes students to feel confident in their
12 abilities and expand their learning by asking deeper questions and
13 teaching to multiple learning styles; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty utilizes project-based learning, allowing
15 students to apply their learning to the real world; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty's students are inspired to do more and be
17 more, one declaring "I want to be a physics teacher"; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty never stops helping, whether it's during
19 his summer break, prep period, lunch break, or after hours; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty takes action to make our education system
21 better, implementing a new science program for students who complete
22 all other science courses at their school, helping his coworker
23 rebuild the 8th grade physics curriculum, collaborating to write a

1 new physics curriculum for the district, and helping write a
2 problem-based Advanced Placement Physics curriculum that will be
3 available nationally; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty demonstrates his commitment to all
5 students through his work with special education students; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty worked with an autistic student,
7 providing extra support so the student was able to graduate and
8 get an internship at Microsoft; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty's students' pass rate on the Advanced
10 Placement Physics exam is above the national average, and his
11 students excel on district assessments; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty works with the high school and middle
13 school science clubs, collaborates with veterans, advises the
14 National Honor Society, mentors new teachers, and heads a video
15 game design focus week; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty is a natural leader, bridging the gap
17 between science and education;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
19 Senate recognize Ryan Lafferty for his career of leadership and
20 passionate commitment to the students and families of the
21 Bellevue community.

22 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
23 do hereby certify that this is a true and
24 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8712,
25 adopted by the Senate
26 February 23, 2016

27 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
28 Secretary of the Senate