

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4637, by Representatives Schoesler, Fromhold, Berkey and Esser

WHEREAS, The State Land Grant Universities Cooperative Extension System was established by Congress and the Department of Agriculture in 1914; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is an organization dedicated to developing all youth to reach their fullest potential that grew with the support of the System; and

WHEREAS, The four H's represent Head, Heart, Hands, and Health: "Head" a commitment to clearer thinking, "Heart" to greater loyalty, "Hands" to larger service, and "Health" for better living - all for our club, the community, the country, and the world; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H motto is "to make the best better"; and

WHEREAS, 4-H teaches youth through parents, volunteers, and community leaders, and offers them strong, positive leadership examples to follow and learn from; and

WHEREAS, 4-H enables youth to have fun, meet new people, learn new life skills, build self-confidence, learn responsibility, and set and achieve goals; and

WHEREAS, Continuing to build on its origins, 4-H continues to be the largest informal education program for boys and girls with over 6.6 million youth, ages five to twenty-one, from all states around the world who participate each year and develop knowledge and skills needed to become competent, caring, productive, and contributing citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, Diversity in project areas and educational programs and activities offers a wide range of growth opportunities, helping youth to learn they have options in life, and giving them the skills to try different things before making life decisions; and

WHEREAS, Project choices include social sciences, arts, animal science, family living, environmental stewardship, mechanical sciences, natural resource study, and science and technology; and

WHEREAS, 4-H Youth Development encourages young people to become involved in their communities, including county fairs, and to contribute in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, This greatly expanded and enhanced education of our young people in Washington is due to the hard work and dedication of Cooperative Extension Services agents and program assistants from Washington State University, in concert with over eleven thousand adult community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, We are honored that 4-H Youth Development members from all corners of the state are currently visiting the state capitol as part of an education program called "Know Your Government";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives welcome the 4-H Youth Development Program delegates to the state capitol; and recognize the value of the "Know Your Government" program, as well as all of the education programs sponsored over the years by Washington State University's 4-H Youth Development Program.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4637 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 23, 2001.