

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4648, by Representative Kessler

WHEREAS, The legislature wishes to give special attention to the importance of quality education in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The legislature wishes to recognize the 120th anniversary of Holy Names Academy, the oldest continually operating school in Washington; and

WHEREAS, Holy Names Academy is a private, Catholic, college-preparatory school for girls, established in 1880 by the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary; and

WHEREAS, This community of sisters was led by the vision and determination of Mother Marie Rose Durocher, who was dedicated to providing education for young women; and

WHEREAS, Four sisters, led by Sister Mary Francis Xavier arrived in Seattle on November 9, 1880, a date celebrated annually at Holy Names Academy as Foundation Day; and

WHEREAS, This Catholic secondary school seeks to prepare young women for lives of leadership and loving service through excellent academic offerings and meaningful student life programs; and

WHEREAS, Holy Names Academy has continued to provide a well-rounded education, incorporating strong academic, art, athletic, and community service programs for its students; and

WHEREAS, Holy Names Academy has three times earned the United States Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Award of Excellence, honoring the school's continuing success in enhancing its programs and facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Times 2000 School Guide placed Holy Names Academy first among all private and public schools in Advanced Placement ranking, and second among all private and public schools in college preparation; and

WHEREAS, Holy Names Academy has graduated over 10,000 students, 7,000 of which continue to serve their communities today, both personally and professionally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize this fine school for its 120 years of continuous education for young women in Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Holy Names Academy.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4648 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 18, 2001.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerk