

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2002-4696, by Representatives Veloria, Kenney, Santos and Hankins

WHEREAS, The University of Washington, President Richard McCormick, and the Office of Minority Affairs under the Vice-President for Minority Affairs Rusty Barcelo have distinguished their commitment to diversity by supporting a college preparatory high school on the University of Washington campus for underrepresented students from the Seattle Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The University of Washington supported and nurtured this extraordinary high school on its Seattle main campus and has created a model that responds as a positive alternative to disproportionality in the public schools and exhibits another aspect of commitment on the part of the University of Washington to encourage diversity in higher education; and

WHEREAS, The University of Washington's Office of Minority Affairs High School, in its partnership with the Seattle Schools, is providing a unique and inspirational higher education and K-12 joint effort and is setting the pace for academic success for underrepresented public school students; and

WHEREAS, This innovative high school is based on the expectation of student success, capability, and social responsibility and has established the highest standards of instruction for its students over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Its commitment to democratic public education, critical pedagogy, and a multicultural learning community has enabled its students to realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, The University of Washington, by supporting this high school for underrepresented students on its campus, demonstrates its firm determination in fulfilling its promises on diversity and has further made it possible for these young high school students not only to dream of college, but to realize that they can make such a dream come true; and

WHEREAS, Seventy percent of the high school graduates coming from the University of Washington's Office of Minority Affairs High School go on to higher education, and this innovative alternative high school serves as a model for successful multicultural, diverse, and rigorous public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives acknowledge the University of Washington for its active commitment to diversity in higher education by sponsoring this college preparatory opportunity for underrepresented Seattle Public School students, the University of Washington Office of Minority Affairs High School.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
4696 Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives
February 15, 2002.

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk