

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8632**

By Senator Rasmussen

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the Washington State Senate to salute organizations that contribute to the betterment of our children; and

WHEREAS, 4-H, the Youth Development Program of the Cooperative Extension Service, a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is dedicated to promoting the education and civic involvement of this nation's young people; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H Youth Development Program has helped young people in Washington state develop useful life skills since it was established in 1914; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H's represent the fourfold training and development that 4-H members receive: Head, Heart, Hands and Health; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H Youth Development Program has expanded its focus in recent years to serve young people from urban areas as well as rural communities, and continues to increase member diversity; and

WHEREAS, 4-H members have a wide variety of project areas to choose from, such as animal sciences, social sciences, mechanical sciences, natural resources, environmental stewardship, plant sciences, family living and the expressive arts; and

WHEREAS, 4-H Youth Development, in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension System, today has more than 5 million members in 83 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative extension agents and program assistants from Washington State University, working together with community volunteers, have contributed to the education and personal development of thousands of young people and adults in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Some 85,000 young people throughout 39 counties in Washington participated in 4-H Youth Development Programs in 2000; and

WHEREAS, More than 300 4-H members from around the state are currently touring the state capitol as part of a statewide education program titled 4-H Know Your Government-;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognizes the 4-H Youth Development Program for its many contributions and investments toward the youth of Washington and the improvement of our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Carol Beckman, the state program coordinator for the 4-H Youth Development Program.