

**SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senator Johnson

WHEREAS, the Kentlake High School Jazz Band recently competed with over five hundred other bands around the country for the title of Best High School Jazz Band in the Nation and an opportunity to perform locally with modern swing and jazz recording artists Big Bad Voodoo Daddy; and,

WHEREAS, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy named Kentlake Jazz Band the best in the nation and performed with twenty-two members of the Kentlake band in their high school auditorium on March 21, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, the Kentlake Jazz Band has also been invited to perform at the Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Competition and Festival in New York, one of the most prestigious high school jazz competitions in the country; and,

WHEREAS, these dedicated students have also been selected to perform in the Monterey Jazz Festival's high school competition in California; and,

WHEREAS, the Kentlake Jazz Band has previously won first place in the New Orleans Jazz Festival and first place in its class at the University of Reno's Jazz Festival; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunity to compete in these festivals comes from a genuine commitment to their art, requiring hours of practice each and every week; and,

WHEREAS, these talented, dedicated students forego other after school activities, less demanding electives, summer activities, and family time to perfect their craft; and,

WHEREAS, jazz-band director Chuck Stowell is very proud of his students and says his band is musically very disciplined and states that they really swing; and,

WHEREAS, recent studies indicate that music education can significantly increase students academic success in math and science, making the accomplishments of the Kentlake Jazz band all the more promising;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate recognize and honor the outstanding accomplishments of Chuck Stowell and his students in the Kentlake Jazz Band and wish them well as they proceed to the coming festivals; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that immediately upon passage of this resolution copies be transmitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Kent School District, the Kent School Board, Kentlake High School, and the Kentlake Jazz Band.