

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8666**

By Senators Kastama, Rasmussen and Franklin

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the Washington State Senate to recognize the outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements of our state's youth; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup High School debate team placed first at the Washington State Forensic Association Annual State Debate Tournament held in Tacoma at the University of Puget Sound on March 16 and 17, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Team members Josh Evenson, Dean Sweberg, Andrew Strobel and Bill Beck Jr. balance a full schedule of advanced classes, part-time jobs, and thirty to forty hours per week to research and practice for the debate team; and

WHEREAS, Team coach Sarah Martin provides strong, inspirational leadership, encouragement, and support; and

WHEREAS, Seniors Josh Evenson and Dean Sweberg placed first in the team debate, while simultaneously qualifying to compete at the National Tournament in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this June; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Strobel and Bill Beck Jr., who had to compete against their senior teammates in the semifinals, placed third as a pair; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup team placed first and third in the cross-examination debate- category, in which they proposed that the federal government could reduce teen conflicts by implementing policy on privacy issues such as medical records, employment, search and seizure, and consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, In the individual speaker category, Josh Evenson placed third and Bill Beck Jr. placed fifth in the state; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup High School debate team was recognized by the Western Region of the Washington State Forensic Association for team excellence based on cumulative points by the National Forensic League from 1992 to 2000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate does hereby recognize the hard work, determination and perseverance of the Puyallup High School debate team and the pride they bring to their school and community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted immediately by the Secretary of the Senate to the Puyallup High School and the members and coach of the Puyallup High School Debate Team.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8666, adopted by the Senate April 9, 2001.