

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
8693**

*By Senators Haugen, Spanel and Rasmussen*

*WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the Washington State Senate to recognize examples of academic and vocational excellence in our schools; and*

*WHEREAS, On April 6, 2001, Stanwood High School won the state competition in a Future Farmers of America agricultural mechanics career development event held at Walla Walla Community College; and*

*WHEREAS, This marks the first time in thirteen years that Stanwood agricultural mechanics students have won the state competition, topping a field of fifteen other schools; and*

*WHEREAS, Capturing first place required students to excel both individually and as a team; and*

*WHEREAS, Each student was required to take a ninety question multiple-choice knowledge test and a thirty-question problem-solving test, perform six individual skills, and work with other team members to solve a problem; and*

*WHEREAS, Based on the competition's theme of animal production systems, Stanwood students demonstrated critical agricultural skills involving land surveying and layout, farm product management and waste disposal, diesel and small gas engines, electric motors and controls, plasma arc cutting, arc welding, and hydraulics; and*

*WHEREAS, Team members Josh Benham, Joe Nagle, Mike Saylor, Brian Templeton and Sean Breum have earned the right to travel to Louisville, Kentucky, in October to represent Washington at the national competition, with Tyler Breum and James Unger positioned as alternates;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate congratulates Stanwood High School's agricultural mechanics students in winning the state competition, and wishes them the best of luck when they compete against schools from across the nation; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to members of the Stanwood High School agricultural mechanics team and its adviser Darryl Main.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8693,*

*adopted by the Senate May 10, 2001.*

**TONY M. COOK**  
*Secretary of the Senate*