

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2005-4611, by Representative Buck

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson was born at Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico, in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson grew up in Alamogordo, Crete, Greece, and Brinnon, Washington, where he attended the Brinnon School District for elementary school and junior high, and currently attends Quilcene High School where he is a sophomore; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson is carrying a 3.95 GPA and has a career goal of becoming an Air Force fighter pilot; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson is participating in many high school activities, including Students Against Destructive Decisions, WSMC Math Competition, Knowledge Bowl Team/Competition, Junior Varsity Basketball, and serving as a Page for Representative Jim Buck in the 2005 Washington State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, and the German Club, was on the 2004 Honor Roll (Superintendent's List), received the annual German Award, Science Award, and Math Award for top academics, as well as the President's Award for Educational Excellence, was named the High School's Student of the Month for January 2004, and has participated in VFW and Daughters of the American Revolution essay contests, receiving recognition at the local and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson is a member of South Jefferson Mobile Search and Rescue and for the last four and a half years his primary, most time-consuming and rewarding activity after school, family, and community service activity has been his participation as a leader in the Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson is the Cadet Commander of the Port Angeles Composite Squadron, has competed in the state Drill Team Competition for three years and the National Competition in 2003, routinely participates in aerospace and leadership training and activities, and has accumulated more than 770 hours in training in and instructing Emergency Services skills and in participating in searches for missing aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson, while in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, has been the Cadet Commander for the last year at the Port Angeles Composite Squadron which draws its membership from the Olympic Peninsula, where together with his staff, he sets the goals, coordinates the meeting schedule and activities, makes cadet assignments, and arranges for senior member support when necessary, and his other Cadet Program activities include community Color Guards and parades, the state Color Guard Competition, and the state Drill Team Competition (three years), serving as the Drill Team Commander twice, and competing on the Pacific Region Drill Team at the National Cadet Competition in Dayton, Ohio, in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson has completed Winter Encampment, Airman Leadership School, and Pacific Region Cadet Leadership School, and served as a staff officer at two subsequent encampments, serving as the Officer In Charge of Communications and as a Flight Commander where he lead his flight in performing to a superior level to be recognized as the Warrior Flight for the Encampment, and he has also completed the National Honor Guard Academy (Camp Pendleton, VA) and the Washington Wing Flight Encampment (Ephrata, WA); and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson's Aerospace Education activities in Civil Air Patrol include volunteer work at the McChord AFB Open House, Arlington Fly-In, Collings Foundation's B-17 and B-24 three-day visits to Port Angeles, and Port Angeles' Airport Days (three years), organizing and performing parking lot duty, crowd control, and other support services for the crews; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson has participated in the Aerospace Education Excellence Awards Program, helped to start an Aerospace Club, was a member of the Port Angeles' 2002 EAA Wild Blue Wonders Team (Team Captain) and attended the Abbotsford Airshow (2002, 2004, British Columbia),

and has received a B-24 flight, soloed in a glider, and started flight instruction toward his Private Pilot's License; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson, through three years of consistent participation at monthly state and squadron-level training weekends and through personal initiative (approximately 200 hours), has completed the training and evaluations for five Civil Air Patrol Emergency Services qualifications: Ground Team Member, Urban Direction Finding, Mission Radio Operator, Flight Line Marshaller, and Mission Staff Assistant, and has contributed approximately another 200 hours serving as an instructor and exercise coordinator for monthly state-level training weekends for two and a half years; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson was a member of the winning Ground Team in the state's 2001 CAP Ground Team Competition; has participated for four years in Operation Seahawk, an annual Harbor Defense/Port Security exercise involving the US Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Canadian land and naval forces; in 2003, as the Cadet Commander of Operation Seahawk, was responsible for tracking, assigning, and preparing cadets for the various around-the-clock exercise scenarios for a week; and in 2004, served as the special advisor to the Cadet Commander; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson organized a CAP Emergency Services display for the Clallam County Department of Emergency Services' Emergency Services Fair, has helped locate three nondistress signals (signals tracked to an aircraft or boat which did not have an emergency), and has participated in four annual exercises conducted by both National CAP and the United States Air Force designed to evaluate the Washington CAP's ability to perform its missions, but the pinnacle of Matthew Johnson's CAP activities has been the 370+ hours of Search and Rescue services he has contributed through CAP on eight missions requested by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center to locate missing aircraft and their passengers and to track down Emergency Locator Transmitter signals which could turn out to be aircraft accidents; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson was awarded the 2003 Washington Wing Emergency Services Support Member of the Year Award and has been nominated for the Washington Wing Cadet Commander of the Year Award and the Air Force Association Outstanding Cadet Award for his accomplishments and performance in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson's Civil Air Patrol awards and decorations include the Air Search and Rescue Ribbon with four bronze clusters, Find Ribbon, Recruiting Ribbon with cluster, National Cadet Special Activities Ribbon, National Cadet Competition Ribbon with Bronze Star, Solo Wings, Ground Team Badge, Marksman 1st Class Marksmanship Badge, Model Rocketry Badge, the Mitchell Award, and the Earhart Award which is earned by only about 5% of all CAP cadets; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson, together with his father and brother, has recently formed Tyr Arms, LLC, which markets cutlery, sporting goods, and emergency services equipment, while in his free time, Matthew is a typical teenager who enjoys watching DVDs, playing video and computer games, and learning poker, especially Texas Hold'em;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor and congratulate Matthew Johnson for his character, dedication, hard work, maturity, and leadership in achieving these many outstanding and significant accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Matthew Johnson.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4611 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 9, 2005

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk