

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4683, by Representatives Dickerson and Sommers

WHEREAS, The State of Washington considers science, mathematics, and technology education to be the highest priority in preparing students for the work force of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, The State of Washington has developed science and mathematics essential learnings that will prepare all students to live and thrive in a science and technology-based society; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Schatz, vice-president of education at Pacific Science Center, has been awarded the 2005 National Science Teachers Association "Lifetime Achievement Award," the Distinguished Service to Science Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Schatz achieved this award for his lifelong efforts to inspire an interest in science by students, teachers, and the general public through interactive exhibits, inquiry-based education programs, professional development for teachers, and activity books for children; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Schatz has provided leadership for Washington State LASER (Leadership and Assistance for Science Education Reform), a coalition that includes the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, educational service districts, school districts, school teachers and administrators, and business partners; and

WHEREAS, More than 130 school districts that serve more than 70% of the students in the state are using the LASER process to implement a standards/inquiry-based K-8 science program; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Schatz oversees the science education programs at Pacific Science Center that bring more than 70,000 students to the Center each year and has a Science On Wheels program that brings science and mathematics experiences to one-third of the elementary schools across Washington state each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend Dennis Schatz for his outstanding efforts in science education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Dennis Schatz.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4683 adopted by the House of Representatives  
January 26, 2006

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk