

SENATE RESOLUTION
8657

By Senators Brown, Finkbeiner, Spanel, Honeyford, Eide, Esser, Haugen and McAuliffe

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislative Student Internship Program was created in the State of Washington in 1955 by Professor Emeritus Hugh A. Bone with students from the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The program, initially supported by a Ford Foundation grant, is accredited as one of the first programs of its kind in the nation, and is a model for state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, The intern program expanded to incorporate undergraduate students from public and private Washington State institutions of higher learning, including: Central Washington State University, Eastern Washington State University, The Evergreen State College, University of Washington, Washington State University, Western Washington State University, Seattle University, University of Puget Sound, Whitworth College, Pacific Lutheran University, Gonzaga University, St. Martin's University, Heritage University, and Seattle Pacific University; and

WHEREAS, Students who have participated in the program have provided a multitude of services to legislators, including: Constituent relations, writing and tracking bills, attending committee and legislative meetings, researching and report writing, and meetings with lobbyists, constituents, and the media; and

WHEREAS, Interns are involved in simulated legislative activities that afford them a unique educational opportunity and include: Mock budget exercise, committee hearings, Rules Committee, caucus meetings, parliamentary procedures, and floor debates based on real legislation; and

WHEREAS, Through their work as legislative interns, students have gone on to pursue careers as Senators and Representatives, Legislative staff, lobbyists, and many other prestigious positions in and around the Washington State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Interns leave the Legislature as stronger citizens who frequently participate in their communities, return to school as stronger students, and who are prepared to explain to others, the role of citizens in the legislative process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Legislative Internship Program in its 50th year of continued excellence be acknowledged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the efforts and accomplishments of past as well as present interns be acknowledged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to Professor Bone's two sons, Christopher H. Bone and William James Bone, Coordinators Judi Best and Joan Elgee, and colleges and universities participating in the Washington State Legislative Student Internship Program.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8657,
adopted by the Senate
March 31, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate