

SENATE RESOLUTION
8692

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Schmidt, Carrell, Rasmussen, Berkey, Rockefeller, McAuliffe, Weinstein, Thibaudeau, Pridemore, Keiser, Regala, Franklin, Hargrove, Fairley, Shin, Fraser, Prentice, Haugen, Kline, Spanel, Eide and Johnson

WHEREAS, The State of Washington considers science, mathematics, and technology education to be the highest priority in preparing students for the workforce 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 one hundred thirty school districts that serve more than seventy percent 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 brings more than seventy thousand students to the center each year, and he 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 Senate commend Dennis Schatz for his outstanding efforts in science education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the Pacific Science Center for its leadership and dedication in providing interactive exhibits and programs in science, mathematics, and technology for students, teachers, and families throughout the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the Pacific Science Center for its leadership in Washington State LASER that helps school districts have a standards/inquiry-based science program taught by teachers trained to effectively use the science materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Dennis Schatz, the board of directors of the Pacific Science Center, and to the board of directors of the National Science Teachers Association.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8692,
adopted by the Senate
January 27, 2006

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate