

SENATE RESOLUTION
8606

By Senators Stevens, Holmquist, Parlette, Morton, McCaslin, Hewitt, Schoesler, Swecker, Pflug, Zarelli, King, Carrell, Delvin, Becker, Roach, Eide, Hatfield, Hobbs, Franklin, Hargrove, and Kilmer

WHEREAS, The state of Washington acknowledges the paramount significance and fundamental right of parents to proactively direct the education of their children; and

WHEREAS, Children educated in the home are given an opportunity to receive sound academic instruction, this instruction is bolstered by the at-home educational process; and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington is committed to excellence in scholarship and exemplary student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Studies affirm that children educated at home excel with distinction on nationally calibrated achievement tests, demonstrate healthy self-awareness and civic virtue, while being fully prepared to thrive in and contribute to society at large; and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington appropriately recognizes, by law, the right to home education as a legitimate and viable alternative to other forms of education; and

WHEREAS, The instruction of children in the home was the preeminent means of education for much of America's early years; and

WHEREAS, The United States has produced many prominent and noteworthy home-schooled students including George and Martha Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Abigail Adams, John Quincy Adams, Thomas Edison, Helen Keller, Susan B. Anthony, Franklin Roosevelt, Patrick Henry, Abraham Lincoln, Booker T. Washington, and Woodrow Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Many parents of home-schooled students accept an additional financial responsibility to provide for their children's education, while also paying taxes that support Washington's public school system; and

WHEREAS, Some parent educators devote innumerable hours to assist children in their pursuit and acquisition of academic excellence, profound patriotism, and civic responsibility in order to become productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that Washington's home education families be recognized for their sacrificial contribution to the quality of education in this great state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington hereby honor, thank, and celebrate the home education families in the state.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8606,
adopted by the Senate
April 9, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate