

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators McAuliffe, Murray, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, McDermott, Kline, Gordon, Eide, Keiser, Brandland, Morton, Becker, and Jacobsen

WHEREAS, Will Johnson, a University of Washington senior majoring in computer science and mathematics, has been named a Putnam Fellow for finishing among the top five students in this elite college-math competition among 4,036 competitors; and

WHEREAS, Will Johnson is the first University of Washington student to win a Putnam Fellowship since the competition was initiated in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Will Johnson, a Washington student, grew up in Kenmore and attended Inglemoor High School; and

WHEREAS, Will Johnson's University of Washington math professor, Ioana Dumitriu, the first woman to win a Putnam in 1996, has described Will Johnson as a "once in a generation" student; and

WHEREAS, Will Johnson also participated in last year's competition where he finished sixth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize that the support of his teachers and his family have contributed to Will Johnson's ability to achieve this prestigious academic award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Will Johnson.