SENATE RESOLUTION 8725

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

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.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8725, adopted by the Senate April 12, 2010

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate