

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4612, by Representative Zeiger

WHEREAS, Civic education is the foundation of a representative democracy and an educated citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is important to have strong educational resources aimed at teaching students and the public about government to encourage meaningful participation in our democratic institutions and processes; and

WHEREAS, Civic Education Day establishes a forum for civic educators from across the state to collaborate with legislators and other supporters; and

WHEREAS, Many organizations such as the ACLU of Washington, City Club, 4H Know Your Government, iCivics, League of Women Voters, Legislative Page School, Office of the Secretary of State, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Project Citizen, Street Law, TVW, Washington State PTA, YMCA Youth & Government, and Youth Ambassadors are dedicated to making civic education a priority for Washington State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislative Internship Program is the longest running state intern organization in the United States, illustrating the commitment of the House of Representatives to civic education; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 House Internship Program includes twenty-three students from Washington State's public and private institutions of higher learning who will leave the Legislature prepared to participate in their communities, return to school as stronger students, and lead their lives as engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, For their role as outstanding civic educators the following individuals have been nominated for the Civic Educator of the Year Award: Karin Ashabraner, Brandon Bouge, Lisa Browitt, Kelly Clark, Stephen Cowdrey, Steven Cross, Scott Darby, Donnetta Elsasser, Tuck Gionet, and Web Hutchins; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives celebrate Civic Education Day and recognize the contributions of committed teachers, principals, community leaders, parents, state employees, interns, and volunteers as they help to create an engaged citizenry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor, thank, and celebrate the civic educators of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the civic education organizations participating in Civic Education Day and the colleges and universities participating in the Washington State Legislative Internship Program.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4612 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 12, 2013

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk