

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4639, by Representative Liias

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives recognize the importance of education in our state; and

WHEREAS, Mariner High School's longest standing principal, serving since 2003, Brent Kline, has shown dedication to improving students' educational experiences; and

WHEREAS, During the past 10 years, Mariner has improved the overall level of students meeting the language arts state standards from 52% to 79.5%, the writing state standards from 55% to 89%, and the math state standards from 28% to 75%; and

WHEREAS, This achievement was met through hiring reading teachers to help with struggling students, implementing professional development for staff that emphasizes the importance of reading across the curriculum, establishing 20 minutes of silent reading time each day across the school, developing cross-content learning, providing required after-school intervention programs for students not meeting state standards in mathematics, and founding a community of learning through the daily collaboration of the school's teachers; and

WHEREAS, These improvements played a huge factor in Mariner High School receiving multiple awards in the past few years, including the School of Distinction award and the Washington Achievement Award for language arts in 2011. Mariner also was the recipient of the Washington Achievement Award in 2009 for the school's improved graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, For his efforts, Kline won the WESCO 3A/4A Conference principal of the year honors for 2012 from the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association; and

WHEREAS, Mariner High School and its principal, Brent Kline, have achieved significant and noteworthy improvements in language arts, writing, reading, mathematics, and graduation attendance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize Mariner High School principal Brent Kline for his most recent achievement of being selected as the 2013 High School Principal of the Year by the Association of Washington School Principals.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4639 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 19, 2013

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk