

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4654, by Representatives Chandler, Taylor, and Santos

WHEREAS, Public education is widely recognized as the cornerstone of our American democracy; and

WHEREAS, The strength of our educational system rests on the selfless contributions of ordinary men and women who possess extraordinary passion for teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, Trevor LaMont Tatanka Greene is an educator who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the field and in service to the students of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, As principal at Toppenish High School, Trevor Greene inspires his students and staff to focus on possibilities, not on pitfalls, and to aspire toward excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, In embracing the potential of students and staff to meet rigorous academic standards through relevant and engaging curricula, Principal Greene introduced challenging science, technology, engineering, and math programs that expose his students to engineering and biomedical applications and provide college credits; and

WHEREAS, Principal Greene also established a popular robotics program that enables his students to participate in national competitions while travelling and meeting youth from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, As a result of these and other innovations, student test scores in science at Toppenish High School improved by sixty-seven percent in three years; and

WHEREAS, This accomplishment is especially noteworthy for a school in which one hundred percent of the student body qualifies for free or reduced-price lunch and for a community where opportunities are few; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his leadership and ability to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for all students, Principal Greene has received numerous awards and accolades including, most recently, 2013 National High School Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Principal Greene is the first educator from the State of Washington and the Pacific Northwest region to receive this prestigious award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize Trevor Greene of Toppenish High School for his exemplary service in the field of public education and commend him for his selection as the 2013 National High School Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Principal Greene, Toppenish High School, and Educational Service District 105.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4654 adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 27, 2013

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk