

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4682, by Representative Sullivan

WHEREAS, Scribes were present with our nation's founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record; and

WHEREAS, Court reporters preserve the record during court or deposition proceedings and help safeguard the legal process. Court reporters capture the spoken word from the deposition suite, to the local courthouse, to the floor of the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, Broadcast captioners and communication access realtime translation providers provide captions and personalized communication access through realtime translation for approximately 38 million Americans and over 200,000 deaf or hard-of-hearing people in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Green River's Computer Reporting Technologies program is the only institution of its kind in a five-state radius providing training in realtime court reporting and captioning; and

WHEREAS, Green River's Computer Reporting Technologies program has repeatedly received United States Department of Education funding in support of its students and curricula, the most recent being the Training for Realtime Writers program grant, the second highest award recipient of the 1 million dollars in total federal grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Green River's Computer Reporting Technologies program has increased financial aid opportunities to students, including the Realtime Writers Scholarship opportunity, which covers all tuition costs for the traditional academic year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and honor Green River's Computer Reporting Technologies program for its ongoing dedication to students, providing exceptional, unprecedented training in the high-tech, in-demand career fields of realtime court reporting and captioning for over 40 years.