SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Ken Jennings was born in Edmonds, Washington, on May 23, 1974, and grew up watching *Jeopardy!*; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings, who played Quiz Bowl in college, was invited to compete on *Jeopardy!* for the first time on the June 2, 2004, episode of the 20th season; and

WHEREAS, Many current Quiz Bowl champs covet his renowned "Potent Potables" flashcards; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings won 74 consecutive appearances on *Jeopardy!* making him a giant in the eyes of Alex Trebek and the history of *Jeopardy!*; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings set a world record for most cash won on a game show and a *Jeopardy!* record for the longest streak of wins; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings became known across the country as "the Michael Jordan of trivia, the Seabiscuit of geekdom"; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings has a strong Kennection to Washington and lives in the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings is a prolific author and has shared his genius with children through his *Junior Genius Guides* series; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Times readers are inspired by his choice in books and all copies of "The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy" are currently on hold at local libraries; and

WHEREAS, If *Jeopardy!* gave out rings, he would certainly be a lord of them; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings may not be smarter than a 5th grader, but is unquestionably a brilliant mind; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings knows without help from Watson or the computer overlords that Iago has 272 speeches, the most of any nontitle character in a Shakespeare tragedy; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings won the Greatest of All Time Championship game of *Jeopardy!* on January 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Becoming a G.O.A.T. is considered worthy of honor from his home state; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings exhibited an admirable camaraderie with his *Jeopardy!* G.O.A.T. co-contestants, James Holzhauer and Brad Rutter, showing the world how to compete at an elite level while also having fun on and off screen, often at each other's expense, even with the grand title and one million dollars on the line; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jennings is a home state hero and the people's champ for his intelligence and fleet wit and for his many accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the answer to the clue "He won the Endgame of *Jeopardy!* and the Greatest of All Time title," is "Who is Ken Jennings?"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and congratulate Ken Jennings on winning the *Jeopardy!* Greatest of All Time competition and for his career both on *Jeopardy!* and off.