

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4687, by Representative Hochstatter.

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of the Federal Statehood Enabling Act, a bill approved by the Washington State Legislature of 1890 designated the city of Ellensburg as the site of a proposed normal school; and

WHEREAS, In the following year, a biennial appropriation for the intended school funded only its operations, and the use of classrooms loaned by the Ellensburg School District made possible the formal opening on September 6, 1891, of the Washington State Normal School; and

WHEREAS, In 1893, a capital appropriation of sixty thousand dollars permitted construction of the institution's first building erected on land deeded to the school's Trustees by the City of Ellensburg; and Barge Hall, named in recognition of the institution's first principal, was constructed, and today continues to serve an integral function in the conduct of university affairs; and

WHEREAS, In 1933, an enactment of the legislature conveyed to the institution the right to confer degrees, following which a continuing expansion and elaboration in academic and degree programs, including graduate, interdisciplinary, and international studies, transformed the institution's education role from one limited to the training of teachers to its status today as a multi-purpose, comprehensive, regional university; and

WHEREAS, Commensurate with its increasing academic diversity, the school's name was changed by legislative action from Washington State Normal School to Central Washington College of Education in 1937, to Central Washington State College in 1961, and to Central Washington University in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Distinguished faculty and administrators have successfully acted in concert to fulfill the call for traditional educational values; to transmit new academic knowledge, technologies, and methods; and to prepare for the imminent educational challenges inherent in a new century; and

WHEREAS, Ceremonies scheduled by Central Washington University for May 11, 1991, will formally open a year-long centennial observance, which will include the one hundredth commencement ceremony scheduled for June 8, 1991;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and proclaim the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Central Washington University and the celebratory events of the year as the university enters its second century of service to the State of Washington reaffirming its dedication to educational excellence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Dr. Donald L. Garrity, President, Dr. R. Y. Woodhouse, Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Gail K. Jones, Chair of the Centennial Committee, all of Central Washington University.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of

Resolution 4687 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 24, 1991.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives