

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4703, by Representatives Kristiansen and Pearson

WHEREAS, The British Columbia and Washington State governments share a border, have common natural resources, and geographic similarities; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State often work together to achieve our mutual goals; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State both recognize the importance and value of civic education, and as part of that responsibility both sponsor nationally renowned legislative internship programs; and

WHEREAS, Washington State undergraduate interns spend their winter quarter or spring semester working in Olympia with staff and members of the Washington State House of Representatives or Senate; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their office work, Washington interns participate in weekly academic seminars and workshops learning about representative democracy in a bicameral legislature; and

WHEREAS, The British Columbia Legislative Internship Program offers an opportunity to university graduates to supplement their academic training by participating in the daily workings of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Both British Columbia and Washington interns acquire skills and knowledge they can apply in their chosen careers and future life experiences that will further contribute to a greater public understanding and appreciation of government; and

WHEREAS, For the second year the British Columbia and Washington State legislative interns have participated in an exchange program to explore and learn about each other's history and governmental processes; and

WHEREAS, We welcome the British Columbia legislative interns to the Washington State Legislature and commend them for their numerous academic contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the hard work and dedication of both Karen Aitken, the British Columbia Legislative Intern Program Director, and the British Columbia interns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Karen Aitken and the 2004 British Columbia interns.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4703 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 27, 2004

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk