SENATE RESOLUTION 8707

By Senators Keiser, Pridemore, Eide, Delvin, Brandland, Johnson and Fraser

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize and honor the contributions of individuals and organizations that reflect standards of excellence which have enhanced the well-being and quality of life of the citizens of the State of Washington; and cparastart

WHEREAS, Toastmasters International is a leading movement in making effective oral communication a national and international reality for all persons; and

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WHEREAS, Toastmasters International, through its member Toastmaster Clubs, helps men and women of all ages learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking, vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of all mankind; and

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WHEREAS, Toastmasters International, through its member Toastmaster Clubs, provides a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop the communication and leadership skills that foster self-confidence and personal growth; and

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WHEREAS, Member Toastmaster Clubs usually meet each week for one to two hours and usually cover three main elements: Prepared speeches; impromptu speeches; and evaluations of speeches, which provide both feedback on the positive aspects of the speeches and friendly suggestions for improvement; and

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WHEREAS, Toastmasters International, through its member Toastmaster Clubs, benefits individuals, companies, communities, and countries by providing potential leaders in all walks of life the skills, discipline, and confidence needed to succeed; and

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WHEREAS, Toastmasters International currently has over 10,500 member Toastmaster Clubs worldwide made up of approximately 211,000 members in 90 countries with over 5,000 members in the State of Washington, and it is growing by approximately 250 new members worldwide each day;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Toastmasters International, and its member Toastmaster Clubs, for the contributions it has provided to the citizens of this state; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in honor of Toastmaster Week, January 30 through February 5, 2006, all persons be encouraged to participate in the beneficial programs Toastmasters International provides through its member Toastmaster Clubs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Dennis Boyd, DTM, District 2 Public Relation Officer, Toastmasters International, Washington State Toastmasters Club, District 2.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8707, adopted by the Senate February 7, 2006 THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate