

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2007-4657, by Representatives Lantz and Seaquist

WHEREAS, "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" is a national competition that challenges high school students' knowledge of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, The primary goal of "We the People" is to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's elementary and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, The "We the People" curriculum fosters attitudes that are necessary for students to participate as effective, responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, The culminating activity is a simulated congressional hearing in which students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles by "testifying" before a panel of judges; and

WHEREAS, Since the inception of the "We the People" program in 1987, more than 28 million students and 90 thousand educators have participated in this innovative course of study; and

WHEREAS, More than 1200 high school students and their teachers participate annually in the "We the People" national finals; and

WHEREAS, Teams from each of the nine congressional districts compete in the statewide "We the People" competition to represent Washington state at a national competition in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The Gig Harbor High School "We the People" team is comprised of 21 students in an Advanced Placement Government class at Gig Harbor High School; and

WHEREAS, Gig Harbor High School's AP Government students, taught by Ken Brown, competed in the state "We the People" competition in January in Olympia, winning first place; and

WHEREAS, As the state champions, Gig Harbor High School's AP Government students will travel to Washington, D.C., in April 2007, to participate in the national finals against teams from the other 49 states;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the achievements of the 2007 Gig Harbor High School AP Government students in exhibiting exceptional civic literacy and American citizenship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals and programs of the "We the People" competition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Ken Brown, teacher and mentor of the 2007 Gig Harbor High School state champions of the "We the People" competition.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4657 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 5, 2007

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk