

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4691, by Representatives Upthegrove and Hankins

WHEREAS, Civic education is the foundation of representative democracy and an educated citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is important to have strong educational resources aimed at teaching students and the public about government to encourage meaningful participation in our democratic institutions and processes; and

WHEREAS, Civic education is a vital tool to promote greater understanding of the legislative process and the role of legislators; and

WHEREAS, Democracy works best when young people understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens, where those came from, and how to exercise them; and

WHEREAS, Civic Education Day recognizes the value of civic education in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Civic Education Day establishes a forum for civic educators across the state to work in partnership with legislators and other supporters; and

WHEREAS, Many organizations such as the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, We the People Foundation, Washington State Council of Social Studies, 4-H, YMCA Youth & Government, Washington State Bar Association, Office of the Secretary of State, Washington State Historical Society, Legislative Scholars Program, League of Women Voters, the UW Center for Communication and Civic Engagement, and Project Citizen state winners from Shahala Middle School are dedicated to making civic education a priority for Washington state and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Individual civic educators will be honored during Civic Education Day as Outstanding Civic Educators for their hard work and dedication to civic education in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the value of civic education and the contributions of civic educators across the state; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives recognizes the responsibility to serve and inform all Washingtonians and honor civic educators across the state; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gregoire has proclaimed February 20, 2008, as Washington State Civic Education Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby honor, thank, and celebrate the civic educators of the state.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4691 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 20, 2008

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk