

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2009-4607, by Representatives Pettigrew, Carlyle, Appleton, Pedersen, Roberts, Hunter, Nelson, Maxwell, Hudgins, Darneille, White, Driscoll, Hasegawa, Green, McCoy, Quall, Eddy, Sells, Dammeier, Williams, Seaquist, Johnson, Hunt, O'Brien, Finn, Ross, Upthegrove, Kenney, Chase, Goodman, Schmick, Simpson, and Orwall

WHEREAS, The cost of tuition makes it difficult for many young people to achieve the dream of a higher education; and

WHEREAS, High school students who have overcome adversity and have exemplified the values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. deserve recognition for their accomplishments and assistance in their effort to attend college; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-five years ago, the Mount Baker neighborhood in Seattle, Washington organized as a community to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by creating a scholarship program for South Seattle students of color who wish to obtain a higher education; and

WHEREAS, Scholarships are awarded to high school students who, although they may not be at the top of their class, have shown the perseverance and potential to allow them to succeed and contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Many of the scholarship recipients are the first in their families to attend college, and receipt of the scholarship may be pivotal in a student's decision to continue their education; and

WHEREAS, The Mount Baker Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship program is the only grassroots, community-based, all-volunteer scholarship program of its kind today in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Mount Baker Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship program has grown in size and scope and remains supported by hundreds of generous Mount Baker neighbors and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, January 23, 2009, the Mount Baker Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship program is celebrating its 25th year of awarding college scholarships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the Mount Baker community for its support of deserving youth and the Mount Baker Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship program for 25 years of leadership in helping students of color achieve the dream of a higher education.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4607 adopted by the House of Representatives  
January 23, 2009

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk