

SENATE RESOLUTION
8651

By Senator Morton

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State share a border, many natural resources, and geological and geographic similarities; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State often work together to achieve mutual goals, including British Columbia working together with Whatcom County officials to secure and streamline the border crossing and transportation throughout the region for the 2010 Winter Olympics in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, The primary purpose of the Washington State Constitution is the education of our youth in order to prepare them to lead us into the future; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia recognizes the importance and value of quality civic education; and

WHEREAS, Washington State and British Columbia 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, interns participate in weekly academic seminars and workshops learning about the process of a representative democracy with a bicameral legislature; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia parliamentary internship offers an opportunity to university graduates to supplement their academic training by observing the daily workings of the Legislature firsthand; and

WHEREAS, Interns acquire skills and knowledge they can apply in the chosen careers and future life experiences that will further contribute to a greater public understanding and appreciation of parliamentary government; and

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

WHEREAS, We welcome the British Columbia Parliamentary interns to the Washington State Legislature and commend their numerous academic achievements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the hardworking and dedicated British Columbian Parliamentary intern program facilitators: Karen Aitken and Jacqueline Quesnel, as well as the British Columbian Parliamentary interns: James Bagan, Shawn Courtney, James Cybulski, Jennifer Goad, Michael Gudaitis, Niya Karpenko, Andrew Kurjata, Emily-Anne Paul, Marie Perry, and Erin Rennie, and extending our deepest gratitude to our own Legislative intern Coordinators, Judi Best and Samantha Barrera for putting together such excellent programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington hereby honor, thank, and celebrate the British Columbian Parliamentary internship participants here today.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8651,
adopted by the Senate
March 24, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary of the Senate