

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8663

By Senators Ranker, Fraser, McAuliffe, and Eide

WHEREAS, Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB) was founded in 1993 as a grass roots nonprofit organization dedicated to nourishing a strong community by empowering people and growing good food; and

WHEREAS, GRuB has built over 2,200 free raised-bed vegetable gardens for low-income families in their community since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Each of these gardens produce over 600 dollars worth of produce each year; and

WHEREAS, GRuB employs and trains over thirty-five low-income teenagers every year to grow thousands of pounds of organic vegetables for the Olympia community and build free gardens for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, Upon entering the program during the years of 2001 to 2008 only forty percent of GRuB's youth were on track to graduate, but now more than eighty-eight percent of them have graduated or earned their GED; and

WHEREAS, GRuB has constructed a community and youth development facility and preserved a historic small urban farm ten minutes from downtown Olympia using, in part, Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development capital facilities funding; and

WHEREAS, GRuB continues to meet an increasing demand on their services in the face of a struggling economy not only at home, but abroad; and

WHEREAS, GRuB's successful programs for youth development and food production models has led to partnering with other communities to replicate the program; and

WHEREAS, The GRuB pilot project in Lewis County will continue their successful efforts at the Growing Places Farm and Energy Park; and

WHEREAS, GRuB will continue its dedication to grow inspired, self-confident, and community-minded youth and help low-income families and seniors to help themselves by building them raised-bed gardens at their homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize GRuB for its many contributions to the low-income youth and families of Washington and the betterment of our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Kim Gaffi and Blue Peetz, Codirectors of GRuB.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8663,  
adopted by the Senate  
April 21, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate