

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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K-12 SCHOOLS--CIVIL RIGHTS EDUCATION

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5174** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Chase, McAuliffe, Prentice, Nelson, Kohl-Welles, Shin, and Kline

Read first time 01/17/11. Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging instruction in the history of civil
2 rights; adding a new section to chapter 28A.230 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) The civil rights movement did not begin or end with the
7 dramatic events of the 1950s and 1960s. Since our nation's founding,
8 ordinary citizens have struggled to fulfill America's promise of
9 equality under the law.

10 (2) Heroes of the civil rights movement include those who are well
11 known such as Thurgood Marshall, Rosa Parks, Cesar Chavez, and Dr.
12 Martin Luther King, Jr. But the list of heroes also includes those who
13 are perhaps less well known, but each of whom gave something of
14 themselves on behalf of their fellow citizens and in defense of
15 equality and justice.

16 (3) The significant milestones and fundamental principles of civil
17 rights should be a part of every student's understanding of our
18 nation's history. School districts should not only try to incorporate

1 the history of civil rights into their regular curriculum at all grade
2 levels, but should also take the opportunity to make this history come
3 alive through the personalities and convictions of civil rights heroes.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 School districts are encouraged to prepare and conduct a program at
7 least once a year to commemorate the history of civil rights in our
8 nation, including providing an opportunity for students to learn about
9 the personalities and convictions of heroes of the civil rights
10 movement and the importance of the fundamental principle and promise of
11 equality under our nation's Constitution.

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