

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senator Honeyford

WHEREAS, Providing basic education to our children is the paramount duty of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Zillah High School teacher, Jeff Charbonneau, has performed his duties above and beyond all expectations, earning the title National Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charbonneau has played an instrumental role in the transformation of Zillah High School into a place where nearly every student graduates with college credit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charbonneau has constantly and consistently inspired everyone around him to push themselves to break the mold and achieve greatness; and

WHEREAS, The contagious level of passion Mr. Charbonneau displays for teaching has made Zillah High School a special place for all inside and outside its hallways; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charbonneau's insatiable desire for continued learning has led ninety percent of last year's graduating class to continue their learning in college, apprenticeship programs, or the military; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charbonneau has spent the last eleven years as an education pioneer, expanding STEM-focused learning within his own school district as well as other schools around the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charbonneau has sacrificed countless hours of his own time to develop an articulation program allowing students to obtain college credit for satisfactory completion of their high school science classes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charbonneau has found the perfect instructional mix, making his classes more rigorous and more accessible, which has increased student enrollment in upper level science classes by twenty percent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charbonneau not only molds the minds of young students while in class, but also serves as the science club advisor, drama program assistant director, student government coordinator, and yearbook advisor; and

WHEREAS, The pride, effort, and dedication Mr. Charbonneau has displayed while fulfilling his duties as an educator has made - and continues to make - every day at Zillah High School, as Mr. Charbonneau exclaims when greeting his students each day, another day in paradise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Jeff Charbonneau for his enthusiastic, innovative, and technology-infused method of instruction, which has earned him the title of 2013 National Teacher of the Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the 2013 National Teacher of the Year, Jeff Charbonneau, the Zillah School District, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.