

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Baumgartner, Liiias, Billig, Fain, Litzow, and McAuliffe

1 WHEREAS, Meghan Wagner is an award-winning music teacher who  
2 started playing in the band taught by her father, Kevin Paustian, at  
3 Auburn High School; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Wagner continued pursuing her love for music at  
5 Pacific Lutheran University and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor's  
6 of Music Education degree, and then later graduated from Central  
7 Washington University with a master's degree in music education; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Wagner is loved by many students for having  
9 incredible patience and inspiring them with her passion in music; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Wagner is active in the Washington Music Educators  
11 Association and the Green River Music Educators Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Wagner comes from a musically talented family where  
13 her brother, Tony Paustian, is now the band teacher at Auburn High  
14 School; her husband, Ryan, performs in symphonies; and her twin  
15 stepdaughters, Hailey and Mya, play in Auburn Riverside High School's  
16 wind ensemble; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Wagner has been a band teacher at Auburn Riverside  
18 High School for eleven years, teaching two jazz bands, three concert  
19 bands, a percussion ensemble, and a marching band; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Wagner was a quarterfinalist for the Grammy Teacher  
21 of the Year in 2013, and in 2014 her Auburn Riverside wind ensemble  
22 had the chance to perform in New York at Carnegie Hall; and

1           WHEREAS, Last April Ms. Wagner helped recruit students to attend  
2 the Washington Ambassadors of Music band trip; and

3           WHEREAS, Ms. Wagner has been selected to lead the Washington  
4 Ambassadors of Music band trip for 2016 through Voyageurs  
5 International, Ltd. which has, for more than forty years, selected  
6 music groups from all around the United States to travel abroad and  
7 perform at venues in Europe, China, the Philippines, and the former  
8 Yugoslavia; and

9           WHEREAS, Ms. Wagner will get to travel and perform in Europe as  
10 the band's conductor this summer, leading a group of about 100  
11 students from Washington state, including seven students who are from  
12 Auburn Riverside High School; and

13           WHEREAS, This year the Washington Ambassadors of Music group will  
14 travel and perform in England, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland,  
15 Austria, and Liechtenstein;

16           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
17 recognize and support the good work of Ms. Meghan Wagner; and

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
19 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Ms. Meghan  
20 Wagner, in recognition and appreciation of her commitment to the  
21 students of Auburn Riverside High School.

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