

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4631, by Representative Santos

1 WHEREAS, In 1891, the Society of Jesus established the Immaculate
2 Conception Church parish school in central Seattle with ninety
3 students, marking the commencement of a long, rich history of
4 distinguished service in higher education in Washington state; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1898, Washington state approved a charter to
6 recognize the Immaculate Conception parish school as Seattle College;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In 1931, overcoming provincial and diocesan disapproval,
9 Seattle College was one of the first Jesuit universities to admit
10 women as students, many of whom taught in local parish schools; and

11 WHEREAS, By 1941, Seattle College was the third largest
12 institution of higher learning in Washington state with schools of
13 education, nursing, and engineering; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1948, Seattle College officially became Seattle
15 University, the largest Catholic postsecondary education institution
16 in the West; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Seattle University is hailed as a nationally
18 recognized higher education institution that boasts undergraduate,
19 graduate, and professional degree programs of distinction through the
20 College of Nursing, the College of Education, the Albers School of
21 Business and Economics, the School of Theology and Ministry, the
22 College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Law, the College of

1 Science and Engineering, and the preparatory Matteo Ricci College;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Seattle University mission to educate the whole
4 person and to empower leaders for a just and humane world enriches
5 our state and our society through the accomplishments and
6 achievements of notable alumni such as Governor John Spellman, U.S.
7 District Court Judge Richard Jones, Seattle City Councilmember Martha
8 Choe, world-renown mountaineer Jim Whittaker, Seattle Times former
9 president and chief operating officer Carolyn Kelly, attorney and
10 television personality Anne Bremner, Grammy Award winning musician
11 Quincy Jones, Northwest artist and professor Val Laigo, and National
12 Basketball Association All-Time great Elgin Baylor; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout the 2016-17 academic year, the entire Seattle
14 University community will engage in special Quasquicentennial events
15 and programs aimed to pay homage to this cherished history and
16 heritage of academic excellence and service to society;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
18 join in celebrating the 125th anniversary of the founding of Seattle
19 University and recognize the lasting contributions of this
20 irreplaceable institution, its faculty, and its alumni to the
21 strength and vitality of our state and our citizenry; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
23 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
24 Representatives to Stephen V. Sundborg, S. J., President of Seattle
25 University.

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