

SENATE RESOLUTION

8695

By Senator Short

1 WHEREAS, FIRST Robotics provides students with a real world
2 engineering environment, combining the rigors of science and
3 technology with the competitive spirit of robotic design; and

4 WHEREAS, The FIRST Robotics program includes just under 250,000
5 students nationwide competing as teams in a battle of the minds; and

6 WHEREAS, FIRST Robotics has multiple divisions tailored to the
7 age and experience of students, providing an equal playing field for
8 students to learn and grow as individuals and engineers; and

9 WHEREAS, Students learn teamwork, fund-raising, and other social
10 skills along with science and technology; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Naomi Edwards has taught and coached FIRST Robotics
12 Team #4980, the Kettle Falls Canine Crusaders, since the fall of
13 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, The Canine Crusaders have been passionate about sharing
15 the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
16 programs; and

17 WHEREAS, The Canine Crusaders understand the importance of their
18 successes and growth; and

19 WHEREAS, The Canine Crusaders have shared their story with
20 businesses, sponsors, and the Chambers of Commerce in a rural region;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, The Canine Crusaders have spent time in elementary
2 and middle schools to help expose younger students to creative,
3 technical, and critical thinking; and

4 WHEREAS, The Canine Crusaders and their robot staffed a
5 booth at the Stevens County Tech Expo; and

6 WHEREAS, The Canine Crusaders described the FIRST Robotics
7 program, demonstrated their robot, and shared what STEM
8 education means to them at the Washington Governor's Summit on
9 Career Connected Learning; and

10 WHEREAS, The Canine Crusaders help and encourage the
11 Northport High School Robotics Team, Mustang Mechanica FIRST
12 Robotics Team #6076, as well as the Kettle Falls FIRST Robotics
13 Lego League Robopups; and

14 WHEREAS, The Canine Crusaders help to build interest and
15 encourage younger girls in STEM programs through their Faces of
16 Engineering outreach program;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
18 Senate recognize Naomi Edwards and the Canine Crusaders for
19 their continuous efforts in promoting gracious professionalism,
20 STEM, and outreach to their community; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
22 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Naomi
23 Edwards and the Canine Crusaders.

24 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
25 do hereby certify that this is a true and
26 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8695,
27 adopted by the Senate
28 February 15, 2018

29 BRAD HENDRICKSON
30 Secretary of the Senate