

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Wilson, C.

1 WHEREAS, Civic education is the foundation for an informed
2 citizenry and a representative democracy; and

3 WHEREAS, It is vital to provide strong educational resources to
4 teach students and the public about our Constitution and instill
5 youth with the value of meaningful participation in our democratic
6 institutions and processes; and

7 WHEREAS, Civic education empowers us to be well-informed, active
8 citizens and gives us the opportunity to change the world around us;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Students who receive a comprehensive civics education
11 learn to think critically about the world around them, enabling them
12 to become informed and proactive voters as well as participants in
13 our democratic process; and

14 WHEREAS, Civic education is vital in imparting a fundamental
15 understanding of the political processes and of the role of
16 legislators in a representative democracy; and

17 WHEREAS, By gathering those dedicated to civic education in the
18 state Capitol, we recognize the significance of civic education in
19 Washington state and establish a forum for civic educators across the
20 state to collaborate with legislators and other supporters; and

21 WHEREAS, Many organizations such as the Legislative Youth
22 Advisory Council, We the People Foundation, Washington State Council
23 of Social Studies, 4-H Know Your Government, YMCA Youth & Government,

1 Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of the
2 Secretary of State, Washington State Historical Society, Legislative
3 Scholars Program, Washington State Boys and Girls State, League of
4 Women Voters, TVW, and others are dedicated to prioritizing civic
5 education for students across Washington state; and

6 WHEREAS, The contributions of committed teachers, principals,
7 community leaders, parents, state employees, and volunteers help
8 accomplish the goal of these laudable organizations to create an
9 engaged citizenry;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on February 18, 2019, the
11 Washington state Senate reaffirm the importance of civic education
12 and recognize the dedication of civic educators across the state to
13 serve and inform all Washingtonians; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington state Senate honor,
15 thank, and celebrate the civic educators and civic education
16 organizations of our state.

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