By Senator Dhingra

WHEREAS, Destination Imagination began in 1999, and quickly expanded into a world-class problem-solving program for students with more than 150,000 participants annually in the United States and more than 30 countries for age levels pre-k through university; and

WHEREAS, Destination Imagination has been an important component of inspiring and equipping participants to achieve anything they can imagine in life; and

WHEREAS, Destination Imagination participants learn selfconfidence, creative and critical thinking, team building, perseverance, problem solving, risk taking, and project management; and

WHEREAS, Destination Imagination has developed one of the world's best professional development programs through challenges in the areas of technical, scientific, engineering, fine arts, improvisational, service learning, and early learning; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 20 years, Destination Imagination participants have gone on to careers in communications, business, law, medicine, and countless other disciplines where they put into practice the skills and knowledge learned through the program; and

WHEREAS, Many Washington state teams have gone on to win regional, state, and global competitions; and

WHEREAS, The work of the Destination Imagination program has made a significant difference in the lives of millions of children;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state Senate acknowledge the achievements of Destination Imagination over two decades of advancing project-based challenges that are designed to build confidence and develop extraordinary creativity, critical thinking, communication, and teamwork skills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Adam Law, Director of Affiliate Relations for Destination Imagination, and Lindsey Holdren, Affiliate Director for Destination Imagination Washington State.

