

SENATE RESOLUTION

8689

By Senators Mullet, Wellman, and Wagoner

1 WHEREAS, The students of the Tahoma High School enrolled in the
2 We the People: The Citizen and Constitution program have exhibited
3 significant knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and
4 the lessons taught by our forefathers; and

5 WHEREAS, On Saturday, January 11, 2020, the Tahoma High School
6 team won the state We the People competition, the school's eleventh
7 consecutive state championship and its twenty-fourth state
8 championship in the last twenty-six years; and

9 WHEREAS, These students will represent their state this spring at
10 the thirty-third annual We the People finals in Washington, D.C.,
11 where they will aspire to uphold the standards of excellence for
12 which Tahoma High School is known; and

13 WHEREAS, The Tahoma team is coached by Gretchen Wulfing, who was
14 named Washington's Civic Educator of the Year in 2011 and was honored
15 as one of Washington's Civic Educators of 2016, and who, having
16 coached Tahoma's team for twelve years, has significantly deepened
17 her students' knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights,
18 helping them build important twenty-first century workplace skills,
19 such as time management, reaching consensus, public speaking,
20 conflict management, and working cooperatively as a team; and

21 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that students who participate in the
22 We the People program excel in their knowledge of civics and the
23 history of the United States constitutional democratic republic,

1 including scoring higher than their peers on tests of civic
2 dispositions, with respect for civic duty, commitment to
3 government service, community involvement, political
4 attentiveness, respect for the rule of law, and the norms of
5 political efficacy and political tolerance; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2019, the Tahoma team took ninth place at the We
7 the People National Finals in Washington, D.C., marking the
8 sixth time in the last eight years that the school has advanced
9 to the top ten at the finals;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honor Riley
11 Barlett, Dane Bowman-Weston, Katerina Bruhl, Matthew Bruneel,
12 Neena Chana, Claire Cunningham, Grace Denison, Shelby Ellis,
13 Djanaya Esiong, Issabella Huser, Sarah Kropelnicki, Preston
14 Lievano, Jaden Mason, Aidan Mercado, Emma Nickel, Gage Nickel,
15 Calvin O'Connell, Luke Oriolt, Daniela Perezechica-Trancoso,
16 Claire Riordan, Elizabeth St. John, Jasmine Tran, and Janey Yee
17 as "Warriors of the Constitution"; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
19 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
20 members of Tahoma High School's We the People team, team advisor
21 Gretchen Wulfing, and Tahoma High School Principal Terry Duty to
22 convey the respect of this body for a phenomenal job and
23 continued success in their future endeavors.

24 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
25 do hereby certify that this is a true and
26 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8689,
27 adopted by the Senate
28 February 26, 2020

29 BRAD HENDRICKSON
30 Secretary of the Senate