HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4636, by Representatives Bateman, J. Johnson, Dolan, Slatter, Taylor, Sells, Santos, Wicks, Ryu, Walen, Simmons, Callan, Rule, and Orwall

1 WHEREAS, When The Evergreen State College's first class entered 2 in 1971, the college was seen by many as a grand experiment; and 3 WHEREAS, Former Governor and United States Senator Daniel J. Evans signed legislation authorizing the formation of the college and 4 5 played a key role in shaping the college as Evergreen President; and 6 WHEREAS, The creation of a four-year public college without 7 grades or majors signaled that the people were ready to explore new possibilities for their educational institutions-to see what would 8 9 happen if we gave people more freedom to formally pursue what they 10 were most passionate about; and

11 WHEREAS, Evergreen's unique design put students and faculty in 12 close collaboration with each other, and the college quickly became a 13 place bursting with creativity and innovation; and

14 WHEREAS, Ever-evolving to meet the needs of students, Evergreen 15 continues to carry that spirit for learning as it celebrates its 16 50th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Famous Evergreen graduates include Ben Haggerty (known as Macklemore), Matt Groening, Joyce McConnell (first female president of Colorado State University), and Elizabeth Furse (first African-born naturalized citizen elected to Congress); and

21 WHEREAS, The way that Evergreen teaches people to work together 22 has played a big role in the success of its alumni; and

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1 WHEREAS, From the beginning, Evergreen has sought to bolster 2 access to its dynamic learning model, especially for populations who 3 have historically been excluded from higher education; and

4 WHEREAS, Evergreen welcomes those who seek an affordable 5 education that will launch them into the future they envision for 6 themselves, and the college does everything in its power to help 7 them achieve success; and

8 WHEREAS, Evergreen has always been about giving people the 9 support they need, whether it is an advisor showing a first-10 generation student how to navigate their career opportunities, a 11 faculty member empowering someone to overcome their fear of math, or 12 a tutor encouraging a fellow student to dig deeper into their ideas; 13 and

14 WHEREAS, Evergreen has prepared people to meet their futures with 15 confidence, equipping graduates for careers in public service, 16 science, entrepreneurship, education, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, If the past 50 years have taught us anything, it is that the experiment worked; and

19 WHEREAS, This year, Evergreen honors its past, celebrates the 20 present, and projects its strengths as an institution looking toward 21 the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives celebrate The Evergreen State College and its 50 years; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 26 transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to 27 President John Carmichael and the Board of Trustees of The Evergreen 28 State College.

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30 31 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4636 adopted by the House of Representatives January 27, 2022