

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4668, by Representative Ramos

1 WHEREAS, The students of the Tahoma High School enrolled in the
2 "We the People: The Citizen and Constitution" program have
3 consistently showcased their superior knowledge of the Constitution
4 of the United States and the lessons instilled by our Founding
5 Fathers; and

6 WHEREAS, On Saturday, January 6, 2024, the team from Tahoma High
7 School won the state We the People competition, the school's 15th
8 consecutive state championship and its 28th state championship in the
9 last 30 years; and

10 WHEREAS, These students will represent The Evergreen State this
11 spring at the 37th annual We the People finals in Washington, D.C.,
12 where they hope to go beyond their highly commendable top seven
13 finish from the national competition in 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, The Tahoma High School We the People team is coached by
15 Gretchen Wulfing, a distinguished educator whom was honored in 2011
16 with Washington's Civic Educator of the Year award and honored again
17 in 2016 as one of Washington's Civic Educators of the Year, adding to
18 the honors of her 16th year academic coaching career, where she has
19 diligently expanded her students' knowledge of the United States
20 Constitution and Bill of Rights, ensuring important principles and
21 foundational ideas are passed on with both fervor and intellectual
22 poise to the next generation; and

1 WHEREAS, Studies continue to show that students that participate
2 in the We the People program imbue ideals of democracy and civic
3 engagement, registering to vote at a higher rate than their high
4 school counterparts and testing higher in examinations on civic
5 knowledge and civic dispositions, including community involvement,
6 tolerant political engagement, and respect for the due process of
7 law; and

8 WHEREAS, The Tahoma High School We the People team, led with
9 inspiring passion by their coach, continues to reflect the ideals of
10 a holistic education, of which their distinguished record at the
11 national level, having placed, in 2023, in the top 10 for the sixth
12 consecutive year, is a sure sign of their commitment and success;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
14 honor Sophie Artemidze, Andrew Baker, Connor Baker, Harika Bavisetty,
15 Rohan Boinpally, Yash Buddhdeo, Slayton Cooper, Kira Corona, Iris
16 Guo, Cannon Harmer, Bill Hernandez, UJ Jeon, Norah Jose, Talal
17 Kheiry, Olivia Kizer, Sydney Kortenkamp, Hannah McDunnah, Sadie
18 McMillan, Tanner Pham, Aditya Rana, Tamar Rasmussen, Dillon Roper,
19 Ivah Rude, Logan Sancewich, Himanjali Tavva, Sean Uy, and Nandini
20 Yogi as "Warriors of the Constitution"; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
22 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
23 Representatives to the members of Tahoma High School's We the People
24 team, team advisor Gretchen Wulfing, and Tahoma High School Principal
25 Judy Beliveau to convey the respect of this body for a phenomenal job
26 and continued success in their future endeavors.

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