

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Mullet and Das

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

5 WHEREAS, On Saturday, January 12, 2019, the Tahoma High School
6 team won the state We the People competition, the school's 10th
7 consecutive state championship and its twenty-third state
8 championship in the last twenty-five years; and

9 WHEREAS, These students will represent their state this spring at
10 the thirty-second 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 eleven years, has significantly deepened
17 her students' knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights,
18 helping them build important 21st-century workplace skills, such as
19 working cooperatively as a team, public speaking, managing conflict,
20 and reaching consensus; and

21 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that students who participate in the
22 We the People program score significantly higher than their peers on
23 tests of both civic knowledge and civic dispositions, including

1 respect for the rule of law, political attentiveness, civic duty,
2 community involvement, commitment to government service, and the
3 norms of political efficacy and political tolerance; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2018 the Tahoma team took seventh place at the We the
5 People National Finals in Washington, D.C., marking the fifth time in
6 the last seven years that the school has advanced to the top ten at
7 the finals;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honor Leah
9 Billings, Hitesh Boinpally, Jeremiah Briere, Mahek Buddhdeo, Jacob
10 Burianek, Aidan Callen, Victoria Chung, Melinda Day, Emily DeBolt,
11 Elizabeth Diaz, Drew Fleming, Jacquelyn Gaither, Joshua Hren, Makenna
12 Kilgallon, Gabriel Kilwein, Madeleine Magana, Sierra Muehlbauer,
13 Estelle Neathery, Madeline Nielsen, Emma Percival, Laura Pierson,
14 Joseph Ribera, Christina Ring, Briana Rogers, Eric Rogers, Laena
15 Tieng, Adam Wengreen, and Anika Wilson as "Warriors of the
16 Constitution"; and

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

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