

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4621, by Representative Kraft

1       WHEREAS, Each summer, Edinburgh is awash with performers pursuing  
2 their dreams of stardom: Mime artists and ukulele players,  
3 contemporary Russian dancers and comedians, and, perhaps most  
4 incongruously of all, hundreds of American high school students; and

5       WHEREAS, Sometimes dreams really do come true; and

6       WHEREAS, The Battle Ground High School drama club received a  
7 coveted spot performing at the 2017 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the  
8 world's largest performing arts festival; and

9       WHEREAS, The American High School Theatre Festival, a one-of-a-  
10 kind theatre opportunity, runs in conjunction with the world's  
11 largest performing arts festival, the world-renowned Edinburgh  
12 Festival Fringe; and

13       WHEREAS, Accepted theatre groups spend a total of two weeks in  
14 the UK, performing their own production, attending Fringe shows, and  
15 touring Scotland and England; and

16       WHEREAS, Out of the 3,000 high schools in North America nominated  
17 by a professional academic in the theater world, only 40 of the top  
18 schools are selected to participate; and

19       WHEREAS, The students will travel to London first, then to  
20 Edinburgh in August 2017; and

21       WHEREAS, In Edinburgh, Scotland they will perform "almost,  
22 Maine," their winter show, which opened in February; and

1 WHEREAS, They will be featured among more than 50,000  
2 performances, more than 3,000 shows, and in nearly 300 venues across  
3 the city; and

4 WHEREAS, The drama club is in their fourth year as a program; and

5 WHEREAS, They currently present three performances a year,  
6 including a musical and a play by William Shakespeare in alternating  
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, In order to be an official member of the drama club, a  
9 student must be involved in at least one production during a school  
10 year, either as a cast member or as a member of the crew (lights,  
11 sound, stage crew, hair and make-up, set construction); and

12 WHEREAS, The club is dedicated to the belief that all students  
13 are to be accepted, regardless of who they are or what they believe;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The club is a completely welcoming family; a group that  
16 does not judge anyone and accepts everyone; and

17 WHEREAS, The Battle Ground drama club seeks to create a safe  
18 space for anyone who feels that they do not quite fit in anywhere  
19 else, but knows they would fit in with the drama club family;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
21 of Representatives recognize that the Battle Ground High School drama  
22 club was selected to perform at this prestigious festival and honor  
23 the work and mission of the drama club; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
25 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
26 Representatives to the members of the Battle Ground High School drama  
27 club and its faculty.

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29 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
30 Resolution 4621 adopted by the House of Representatives

31 March 2, 2017  
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37 Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk