

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Wilson, C., Das, Gildon, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Nobles, Stanford, and Warnick

1 WHEREAS, The Washington State Constitution states that it is "the  
2 paramount duty of the state to educate all children residing within  
3 its borders.."; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington state is committed to preparing every student  
5 for postsecondary pathways, careers, and civic engagement; and

6 WHEREAS, Education is key to the future of students in the K-12  
7 education system and the future of our state's economy; and

8 WHEREAS, Rare is the adult who does not vividly remember at least  
9 one teacher or school leader as having played a pivotal, lasting, and  
10 unforgettable role in their education and personal growth; and

11 WHEREAS, The education and training of future educators,  
12 principals, and assistant principals is essential to meeting the  
13 state's goals for public education; and

14 WHEREAS, The Association of Washington School Principals has  
15 followed a tradition of recognizing February as Future Educators  
16 Month since 2015 and is now joined by the Washington Association of  
17 School Administrators; and

18 WHEREAS, The purpose of this practice is to inspire, celebrate,  
19 and raise awareness of the field of education for high school and  
20 college students who may be interested in becoming teachers, and for  
21 teachers and educational leaders who may be interested in becoming  
22 principals; and

1       WHEREAS, The recruitment, placement, and retention of anti-racist  
2 future educators, principals, and assistant principals, and those who  
3 represent the demographics of the schools and cities in which they  
4 work, is crucial to the enrichment of students' educational  
5 experience;

6       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition  
7 of the importance of expanding and sustaining the pathway of future  
8 teachers and principals, and raising awareness about this critical  
9 career field, join the Association of Washington School Principals  
10 and Washington Association of School Administrators in celebrating  
11 the month of February as Future Educators Month.

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