

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
8605**

*By Senators Jacobsen, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles, Fraser and Patterson*

*WHEREAS, Music is one of the most enjoyable aspects of human culture, reflecting the mood, achievements, and circumstances that exist in societies, giving the inhabitants of that society an outlet for feelings and an avenue of communication that convey the full range of human emotion; and*

*WHEREAS, The performance of music requires years of study, practice, dedication and discipline to achieve a high level of accomplishment, especially when coordinating one's efforts with others in a musical ensemble or group; and*

*WHEREAS, The achievements of high school students are many and varied, and successes should be recognized when they are accomplished; and*

*WHEREAS, The Roosevelt High School Jazz Band has performed widely to great acclaim, and has demonstrated a high level of achievement and accomplishment at local, regional and national competitions over the years; and*

*WHEREAS, The Roosevelt High School Jazz Band has traveled extensively to share their music and enthusiasm for jazz with others, including trips to Seattle's sister city of Mazatlan and to Europe to play at the Montreux Jazz Festival, the North Sea Jazz Festival and other venues; and*

*WHEREAS, The Roosevelt High School Jazz Band under the direction of Scott Brown was, for the second year in a row, one of fifteen bands selected nationally to compete at the prestigious Essentially Ellington Jazz Competition, a national competition for High School Jazz Bands, sponsored by the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and held in New York City; and*

*WHEREAS, The Roosevelt High School Jazz Band took third place in the Essentially Ellington Jazz Competition in May of 2000 and won acclaim and recognition by the New York Times jazz reporter; and*

*WHEREAS, The Roosevelt High School Jazz Band will be traveling to China in April, 2001, to share their music and love of jazz with their counterparts in Chinese schools and with the Chinese people;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognizes the accomplishments of the Roosevelt High School Jazz Band, supports their trip to China as ambassadors for the Seattle Public School System and educational system of the state of Washington, honors their achievements, hard work and efforts and believes cultural exchanges between these two societies will benefit all who are involved.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,*

*do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8605, adopted by the Senate March 22, 2001.*

**TONY M. COOK**  
*Secretary of the Senate*