

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4654, by Representatives Jenkins, Kilduff, Sawyer, Muri, and Fey

1           WHEREAS, Nathan Gibbs-Bowling of Lincoln High School in Tacoma,  
2 Washington is one of four finalists for the 2016 National Teacher of  
3 the Year award; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs-Bowling teaches Advanced Placement Government  
5 and Advanced Placement Human Geography; and

6           WHEREAS, In 2014, Mr. Gibbs-Bowling was the recipient of the  
7 Milken Educator Award; and

8           WHEREAS, In 2015, Mr. Gibbs-Bowling was named Washington State  
9 Teacher of the Year; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs-Bowling's commitment to service extends  
11 outside the classroom and into the community as mentor for the  
12 College Success Foundation, in which he built strong relationships  
13 with Lincoln High School alumni and organized college campus tours;  
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15           WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs-Bowling is also a founding member of the  
16 Teachers United organization, which advocates for equity, excellence  
17 for teachers, and a voice for teachers within policy; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs-Bowling's students have said that he  
19 continually pushes them beyond their limits and inspires them to  
20 never rest on their achievements; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs-Bowling's principal described him as "not only  
22 a remarkable teacher, he also makes those around him better and  
23 improves the quality of the entire school"; and

1           WHEREAS, State Superintendent Randy Dorn has stated that "He  
2 represents what works in schools and classrooms. He listens more than  
3 he talks. He cares about his students and their experience"; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs-Bowling exemplifies the caliber of  
5 Washington's best educators; and

6           WHEREAS, Despite his accomplishments, Mr. Gibbs-Bowling said in  
7 an interview, "There shouldn't be awards for this. All I want to do  
8 is change lives";

9           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
10 recognize and honor the outstanding service of Mr. Gibbs-Bowling as a  
11 teacher at Lincoln High School, as a community member of Tacoma, and  
12 as a nationally recognized educator of Washington state; and

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
14 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
15 Representatives to the Governor of the State of Washington, the State  
16 Superintendent of Public Instruction, the school board of the Tacoma  
17 Public School District, the superintendent of the Tacoma Public  
18 School District, and Mr. Nathan Gibbs-Bowling of Lincoln High School.  
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20           I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
21 Resolution 4654 adopted by the House of Representatives

22   February 9, 2016

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk