

1                   **Billy Frank, Jr. Recognition and Scholarship Fund**  
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3   **WHEREAS** the Native American Caucus (NAC) are enrolled members of United States  
4 and Canada and we advocate for local, regional, national and international tribal  
5 specific concerns and priorities;  
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7   **WHEREAS** the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment  
8 opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and  
9 objectives of the NAC;  
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11   **WHEREAS** since the early beginnings of NAC history, northwest tribes have been  
12 blessed with visionary, bold and decisive tribal leaders who were staunch supporters of  
13 the inherent rights and sovereignty of Indian people and tribes;  
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15   **WHEREAS** Billy Frank, Jr. was blessed with the gift of recalling his childhood  
16 teachings of his parents and elders who transmitted the oral history, knowledge and  
17 respect of the salmon, environment and life cycle of mother earth and supported the  
18 development of a Northwest Indian College Scholarship in his name for Native College  
19 Students;  
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21   **WHEREAS** in recognition of the life of Billy Frank, Jr., the Native American Caucus will  
22 honor his legacy in Washington State with a special Billy Frank Honor Gathering &  
23 recognition of his services for Indian Tribes; and  
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25   **WHEREAS** the Northwest Indian College Foundation have has established a "Billy  
26 Frank Jr., Scholarship" fund and has agreed to host a special gathering with other  
27 Indian Organizations from the State of Washington to honor his legacy and raise  
28 scholarship funds for Native students in the area of Environmental Sciences and Native  
29 Studies Leadership;  
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31   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Washington State Democratic Central Committee  
32 does hereby urge its members to support in whatever way they feel appropriate the  
33 development of a Billy Frank, Jr. Scholarship Fund to recognize & honor students who  
34 embody the vision, values & mission of this honored leader in Indian Country; and  
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36   **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WSDCC urges its members to  
37 support and attend a special event co-hosted by the Native American Caucus with the  
38 Northwest Indian College Foundation, Northwest Indian Fish Commission, ATNI  
39 Tribes, and other organizations to honor the legacy of Billy Frank, Jr."  
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41   **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Native American Caucus co-host  
42 a special event with the Northwest Indian College Foundation, Northwest Indian Fish

43 Commission, ATNI Tribes, and other organizations to honor the legacy of Billy Frank,  
44 Jr. and welcome all guests who have appreciated services and dedication of Billy Frank  
45 to save our environment, habitat, cultural values and tribal rights.

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48 Submitted by the Native American Caucus to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted 4/9/2015)

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50 The Resolutions Committee recommended that this resolution be "PASSED" at its April  
51 18, 2015 meeting in Pasco.

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53 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its April 18, 2015 meeting in Pasco.