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MOTION NO. 03524

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2 A MOTION commending the involvement of Mr.  
3 Theodore Hagen, Principal of Decatur High  
4 School, the students of Decatur High School  
5 and the Office of School Security for the  
6 Federal Way School District, Mr. Ronald  
Sensenbach, for their roles leading to the  
apprehension of a suspect who allegedly  
assaulted a young woman on May 9, in the  
Federal Way area.

7 WHEREAS, on May 9, a fifteen year old Decatur student, a  
8 resident of Federal Way, was assaulted in a wooded area on her  
9 way to school, and

10 WHEREAS, upon initial investigation the Department of Public  
11 Safety made known to the Security Office, Mr. Ronald Sensenbach,  
12 of the Federal Way School District a general description of the  
13 suspect and the vehicle used by him in the commission of the  
14 crime, and

15 WHEREAS, the Security Office distributed the information to  
16 all schools in the Federal Way area, and

17 WHEREAS, on May 10, Mr. Theodore Hagen, the principal of  
18 Decatur High School, had distributed to all students of the  
19 school a description of the suspect and the vehicle used in the  
20 crime and a warning of specific things or situations to avoid to  
21 prevent occurrence of the same crime, and

22 WHEREAS, on May 11, Mr. Hagen, based on the responses of  
23 numerous students, informed the district's security office of the  
24 location of the suspect vehicle, and

25 WHEREAS, the identification of the suspect's vehicle and its  
26 location in such an expedient manner, following the commission of  
27 the crime, was as a direct result of the involvement of the  
28 students of Decatur High School, and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Hagen's passing of information to  
30 Mr. Sensenbach, and his in turn to the Department of Public  
31 Safety led to the arrest of a suspect May 11, two days after the  
32 commission of the crime, and

33 WHEREAS, the involvement of these students and

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1 administrators should be applauded as a fine example of how the  
2 community can directly assist law enforcement agencies in the  
3 solving of specific crimes, and

4 WHEREAS, in applauding the efforts of these individuals, it  
5 should be noted that the individual commitment of citizens to the  
6 welfare of their neighbors serves the interests of our justice  
7 system while making their community a safer place in which to  
8 live, and

9 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

10 The Council commends and applauds the students of Decatur  
11 High School, that school's principal Mr. Theodore Hagen,  
12 Mr. Ronald Sensenbach of the Security Office of the Federal Way  
13 Schools, for their involvement in developing information that  
14 directly assisted the Department of Public Safety in arresting a  
15 suspect who has been charged with the crime of rape.

16 PASSED this 22nd day of May, 1978.

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18 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
19 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

20 Bernice Stern  
21 Chairman

22 ATTEST:

23 Dorothy M. Quinn  
24 Deputy Clerk of the Council  
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