

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97-4638, by Representatives Kenney, Dickerson, Linville, H. Sommers, Gardner, Chopp, Fisher, Van Luven, Appelwick, Carlson, Grant, Cole, Scott, Kessler, Clements, Mitchell, Dyer, Lisk, Skinner and Conway

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of Washington to honor extreme actions of personal courage and generosity; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Braddock donated a kidney to Carlos Olivares on March 10, 1997, which was transplanted at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Braddock, in an act of altruism and service to others, donated the kidney not to a spouse or to a relative, but to a fellow colleague; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Braddock, as a former state legislator and now chief administrator of the state's largest network of community health care clinics, has demonstrated his dedication to health care in deeds as well as words; and

WHEREAS, By his gift, Dennis Braddock has spared Carlos Olivares from the difficulties of kidney dialysis and the further deterioration of his health; and

WHEREAS, By his gift, Dennis Braddock has given his colleague the ability to continue his work helping the poorest of the poor gain access to health care as the director of the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Braddock donated the kidney because he felt it was the right thing to do;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby commemorate this heroic gift of life and self, and offer its best wishes for a healthy and speedy recovery for both Mr. Braddock and Mr. Olivares; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Dennis Braddock and Carlos Olivares.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4638 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 12, 1997.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk