

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4714, by Representatives Chopp, DeBolt, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Barlow, Blake, Campbell, Chandler, Chase, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Crouse, Darneille, Dickerson, Dunn, Dunshee, Eddy, Eickmeyer, Ericks, Ericksen, Flannigan, Fromhold, Goodman, Grant, Green, Haigh, Hailey, Haler, Hankins, Hasegawa, Herrera, Hinkle, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jarrett, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kessler, Kirby, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lantz, Lias, Linville, Loomis, McCoy, McCune, McDonald, McIntire, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Nelson, Newhouse, O'Brien, Orcutt, Ormsby, Pearson, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Priest, Quall, Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Rolfes, Ross, Santos, Schindler, Schmick, Schual-Berke, Seaquist, Sells, Simpson, Skinner, Smith, Sommers, Springer, Sullivan, Sump, Takko, Upthegrove, VanDeWege, Wallace, Walsh, Warnick, Williams, and Wood

WHEREAS, Washington State Representative Patricia Lantz has served the people of the 26th District and Washington with honor and distinction for six terms; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lantz has announced that she will not seek reelection to the Washington State Legislature this year; and

WHEREAS, Each and all of Representative Lantz's 12 years of outstanding service to the people of Washington were shining examples of her core principles of honor, integrity, compassion, and justice; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lantz is the longest-serving House Judiciary chair in Washington State history; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lantz's heartfelt devotion to ensuring equal justice for all has vastly improved fair legal representation for the poor and needy of all faiths, religions, ethnic backgrounds, and ages in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lantz's compassion for people and passion for justice has earned her Legislator of the Year awards from the Washington State Bar Association, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, and the Washington State District and Municipal Court Judges' Association; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lantz's career-long commitment to fair treatment for all in taxes and tolls will help save the people of the 26th District and Washington hundreds of millions of dollars in tolls on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Generations of Washingtonians will benefit from Representative Lantz's advocacy for high-quality education from preschool to graduate school; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lantz was a driving force behind historic state laws that are working today to deter domestic violence and heal domestic violence victims; and

WHEREAS, Numerous leading organizations, including the Arts Alliance, Washington Credit Union League, Washington State Association of County Clerks, and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates, have bestowed well-deserved honors on Representative Lantz for her integrity, vision, and public service; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lantz is retiring to turn her full attention to John Lantz, her husband of 48 years, and to her three children, and five wonderful grandchildren, whose gain is our loss; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lantz will now be able to spend more time enjoying the extraordinary beauty and recreational opportunities of Washington's natural environment, which she has done so much to defend and protect; and

WHEREAS, The Representatives, Senators, and staff of the Washington State Legislature will sorely miss Representative Lantz and her leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington celebrate and long remember the character, accomplishments, and distinguished career of Representative Patricia Lantz, and wish her and her loved ones all the best in the years ahead; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Washington State Representative Patricia Lantz and her family.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4714 adopted by the House of Representatives  
March 13, 2008

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk