<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2009-4650</u>, by Representatives Sells, Conway, Appleton, Seaquist, and Kelley

WHEREAS, There are more than 700,000 veterans residing in the state of Washington; and WHEREAS, Eighteen percent of the veterans who sought jobs within one to three years of discharge are unemployed; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Washington are well aware of the sacrifices made by veterans and their families in defense to our country and our state; and

WHEREAS, The laws of the state of Washington have long granted recognition of a veteran's sacrifices by providing preferred employment opportunities for veterans regardless of physical impairment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives reaffirms its concern for the veterans and their families and its historical support of preferred employment opportunities promised to veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Disabled American Veterans of Washington.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4650 adopted by the House of Representatives April 15, 2009

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk