HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4679, by Representatives Chopp, DeBolt, Alexander, Anderson, Angel, Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Campbell, Carlyle, Chandler, Chase, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Crouse, Dammeier, Darneille, Dickerson, Driscoll, Dunshee, Eddy, Ericks, Ericksen, Fagan, Finn, Flannigan, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hasegawa, Herrera, Hinkle, Hope, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jacks, Johnson, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kessler, Kirby, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Liias, Linville, Maxwell, McCoy, McCune, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Nealey, Nelson, O'Brien, Orcutt, Ormsby, Orwall, Parker, Pearson, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Priest, Probst, Quall, Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Rolfes, Ross, Santos, Schmick, Seaquist, Sells, Shea, Short, Simpson, Smith, Springer, Sullivan, Takko, Taylor, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Wallace, Walsh, Warnick, White, Williams, and Wood

WHEREAS, The law enforcement officers of this state, including members of the police, sheriff's office, and state patrol, routinely and willingly put the safety and well-being of their communities before their own; and

WHEREAS, The law enforcement officers of this state exhibit the highest levels of commitment, bravery, courage, and valor; and

WHEREAS, The law enforcement officers of this state conduct themselves in the honest, ethical, and courageous manner the people of the state of Washington have come to expect and that they expect of themselves; and

WHEREAS, The law enforcement officers of this state fairly and forthrightly uphold the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mark Renninger, Officer Ronald Owens, Officer Tina Griswold, Officer Greg Richards, Officer Timothy Brenton, and Deputy Kent Mundell recently sacrificed their lives while serving to ensure law and order in their communities; and

WHEREAS, The thoughts and prayers of the grateful people of Washington state go out to the families of all law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, We will never forget the incredible sacrifices made by Sergeant Renninger, Officer Owens, Officer Griswold, Officer Richards, Officer Brenton, Deputy Mundell and all the men and women in uniform; and

WHEREAS, The untimely deaths of these dedicated officers has only strengthened the resolve of Washington's finest to protect and serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor the selfless men and women of law enforcement who have given their lives in service to the people of the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the families of the aforementioned officers, the Lakewood Police Department, the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, the King County Sheriff's Office, the Lakewood Police Independent Guild, the Seattle Police Guild, the Washington State Patrol, the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs, and the Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4679 adopted by the House of Representatives February 3, 2010

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk