HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4696, by Representatives Probst, Alexander, Anderson, Angel, Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Campbell, Carlyle, Chandler, Chase, Chopp, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Crouse, Dammeier, Darneille, DeBolt, 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, Quall, Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Rolfes, Ross, Santos, Schmick, Seaquist, Sells, Shea, Short, Simpson, Smith, Springer, Sullivan, Takko, Taylor, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Walsh, Warnick, White, Williams, and Wood

WHEREAS, Representative Deb Wallace has served the people of the 17th legislative district with distinction and pride since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Representative Deb Wallace has lived in Washington's Vancouver for more than 20 years where she raised two children with her husband John, a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Representative Deb Wallace has devoted her entire adult life to public service and making Washington a great place to do business as the Director of Business Expansion for the Columbia River Economic Development Council, as the Growth Management and Development Services Manager for the Washington State Department of Transportation, as the Executive Director for the Columbia Corridor Association, as Government Affairs Director for the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, and as Director of Planning and Development for C-TRAN; and

WHEREAS, Representative Deb Wallace has been extensively involved in her community on the Regional Transportation Committee, Pinebrook Homeowners Association, Shoreline Committee, Downtown Vancouver Association, Airport Green Neighborhood Association, Girl Scouts USA, Columbia River Girl Scouts, Daybreak Advisory Committee, Clark County Mental Health Advisory Committee, Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership Board of Directors, 211-info Board of Directors, ESD 112 Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Clark County Skills Center Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Deb Wallace has received numerous awards and distinctions throughout her legislative career; and

WHEREAS, As chair of the House Higher Education Committee Representative Deb Wallace has opened the doors of higher education to thousands of deserving students, thereby accomplishing her goal of educating more people to higher levels; and

WHEREAS, Representative Deb Wallace has been a champion for people with disabilities and sponsored legislation to ensure those with special needs have equal opportunities to be productive, active citizens in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Representative Deb Wallace has always tried to be as accessible and available to her constituents as possible and is one of the most prolific hosts of community meetings and action forums to share information and provide a forum for public discourse and debate; and

WHEREAS, Even in the most stressful, highly charged circumstances, Representative Deb Wallace has respectfully treated everyone around her, including and especially legislative staff, with a sense of professionalism and a touch of class; and

WHEREAS, Representative Deb Wallace will be greatly missed for her lighthearted disposition, dedication to the community and people she represents, and collaborative and bipartisan spirit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor the many personal and professional accomplishments by Representative Deb Wallace, and recognize her rare and undiminished passion for public service that will be missed by all in Olympia; 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 Deb Wallace and her family.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4696 adopted by the House of Representatives March 9, 2010

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk