HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4705, by Representatives Liias, O'Brien, Roach, Hurst, Van De Wege, Hope, Blake, Simpson, Kelley, Appleton, and Takko

WHEREAS, Our law enforcement officers willingly put themselves in harm's way every day in order to protect the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this state have a higher quality of life because they know that their safety is selflessly prioritized, without regard to their own safety, by the men and women who serve our state as law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, A number of our law enforcement officers have been ambushed and attacked by cowards whose lives would be protected without question by the very law enforcement officers they brutally and shamefully attack; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Patrol Trooper Scott Johnson was shot twice, including one shot to the head, on February 13, 2010, shortly before 1:00 a.m. along Highway 103 during a routine inspection of a vehicle about to be towed; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Patrol Trooper Scott Johnson was taken to a hospital in Long Beach and then to a hospital in Portland, Oregon, where doctors determined that his injuries were not life threatening;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives expresses its best wishes for the speedy recovery of Trooper Johnson and the swift apprehension of the perpetrator of this crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Trooper Johnson, his family, and the Washington State Patrol.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4705 adopted by the House of Representatives March 11, 2010

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk