

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4615, by Representatives Tharinger and Van De Wege

WHEREAS, Katherine Baril has provided the citizens of Jefferson County with twenty years of exemplary service as executive director of the county's Washington State University extension service; and

WHEREAS, In those twenty years, Katherine Baril has started or assisted with numerous programs that have benefited people of all ages, such as 4-H, master gardener classes, and business classes; and

WHEREAS, Her support of and commitment to Jefferson County's farm sector has helped grow the local food and farm industry into a model for other regions; and

WHEREAS, Economic development has been a key issue that Katherine Baril has worked on during her tenure, including strong support for local businesses to get access to broadband internet in order to help them grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, She helped establish the Jefferson Education Center, which provides opportunities for higher education and community learning for Jefferson County residents; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Katherine Baril has coached and mentored numerous Jefferson County youth, teaching them the values of leadership, service, and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Her passion for working collaboratively on public policy initiatives has resulted in efforts such as the State Environmental Protection Act, Puget Sound watershed planning, and the Habitat Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Her background includes a master's degree in Education, a law degree, and experience as a water quality teacher for Washington State University; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Baril was recently honored as Business Leader of the Year by the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Her enthusiasm and expertise will be greatly missed by those who have worked with her over the past two decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Katherine Baril for her many contributions to youth, farmers, businesses, the environment, and the well-being of Jefferson County and all its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Katherine Baril and her family.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4615 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 4, 2011

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk