

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4620, by Representatives Ahern, Nealey, McCune, Taylor, Schmick, Hargrove, Buys, Kenney, Ormsby, Rolfes, Kelley, Kirby, Cody, Moeller, Haler, Zeiger, Johnson, Chandler, Dammeier, Moscoso, Pearson, DeBolt, Tharinger, Jacks, Stanford, Hasegawa, Billig, Seaquist, Fitzgibbon, Orwall, Hunt, Roberts, Ladenburg, Anderson, Angel, Bailey, Rivers, Goodman, Fagan, Hinkle, Pedersen, Finn, Warnick, Short, Overstreet, Kretz, Kristiansen, Parker, Hope, Dahlquist, Smith, Klippert, Ryu, Shea, Ross, Miloscia, and Asay

WHEREAS, Inland Northwest Honor Flight's mission is to transport Inland Northwest war veterans to Washington D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, Inland Northwest Honor Flight is a regional hub of a national organization, and was started in May 2009 to serve as many veterans as possible and to serve any veteran who can get to Spokane to travel with the Inland Northwest Honor Flight at no cost to the veteran; and

WHEREAS, Inland Northwest Honor Flight provides trips to Washington D.C. for veterans and ensures that the veterans have a safe and enjoyable trip at no cost to the veteran; and

WHEREAS, The top priority for Inland Northwest Honor Flight is given to our most senior heroes, survivors of World War II, and any veteran with a terminal illness who wishes to visit the veterans' memorials; and

WHEREAS, For the future, the Inland Northwest Honor Flight will transition to pay tribute to Korean War, Vietnam War, and all other veterans who served, on a chronological basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington recognize the value and dedication of the Inland Northwest Honor Flight for the continued support and graciousness in thanking the veterans of the United States Armed Forces by providing transportation for our nations surviving heroes, who are passing away at a rate of 1,000 a day, to visit the memorials in Washington D.C. that were constructed in their honor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted members of the Armed Forces and their families for their sacrifices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington express its thanks and appreciation to the airlines that donate thousands of tickets to the Inland Northwest Honor Flight, which allows this program to continue at no cost to the veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the office of the Inland Northwest Honor Flight.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4620 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 9, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk