

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4656, by Representatives Pettigrew, Santos, Carlyle, Fitzgibbon, Orwall, Maxwell, Blake, Goodman, Darneille, Dickerson, Roberts, and Upthegrove

WHEREAS, Concerned citizens from around the state have marked this day by gathering in Olympia to show their support for a balanced transportation system that includes walking, bicycling, and public transit as viable options; and

WHEREAS, The dangers associated with walking and cycling in our state have resulted in needless deaths, injuries, and personal tragedy for many Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, The deaths of Michael Wang and Tatsuo Nakata illustrate that toll; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wang was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver last July while riding his bicycle home from work along Seattle's Dexter Avenue, a major bicycle-commuter route; a 44 year old photographer, Mr. Wang leaves behind a wife, Claire Allen, and two children, 12 year old Walter and 9 year old Sylvie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nakata, 29, the chief of staff for a Seattle City Council member, was struck and killed in 2006 while crossing a West Seattle street in a marked crosswalk. Mr. Nakata leaves behind a father, Gene; a mother, Nannette; brothers, Christian and Joshua; a sister, Bernadette Warner; and a niece and two nephews; and

WHEREAS, The deaths of Mr. Wang and Mr. Nakata are just two of the many needless fatalities that occur each year on Washington's highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honors and commemorates the lives of Mr. Wang and Mr. Nakata; 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 Mr. Wang and Mr. Nakata.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4656 adopted by the House of Representatives  
January 31, 2012

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk