

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4680, by Representatives Haigh, Kelley, Hurst, Green, Lytton, Takko, Van De Wege, Pollet, Wylie, Appleton, Probst, Carlyle, Reykdal, Liias, Walsh, Johnson, Moscoso, Smith, Clibborn, Dickerson, Angel, Ryu, Miloscia, Pettigrew, Kenney, Springer, Goodman, Hunt, Upthegrove, Cody, Ormsby, Hansen, Roberts, Pedersen, Jinkins, Blake, Seaquist, Kagi, Orwall, Maxwell, Dunshee, Hasegawa, Sells, Morris, Santos, Eddy, Billig, Kirby, Hunter, Darneille, Ladenburg, Stanford, Fitzgibbon, Sullivan, Chopp, Hudgins, Armstrong, Hinkle, DeBolt, Rivers, Shea, Rodne, Warnick, Hargrove, Crouse, Dammeier, Nealey, McCoy, Tharinger, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Asay, Bailey, Buys, Chandler, Condotta, Dahlquist, Fagan, Haler, Harris, Hope, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, McCune, Moeller, Orcutt, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Ross, Schmick, Short, Taylor, Wilcox, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Washington State Representative Fred Finn has served the people of the 35th Legislative District with great honor and distinction since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn has announced he will retire from the Washington State Legislature at the conclusion of his current term; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn's district includes all of Mason county and parts of Kitsap, Thurston, and Grays Harbor counties; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn was born in 1945 in the state of Connecticut, and graduated from The Brunswick School in Greenwich; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn received his undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University and his Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn served honorably in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn worked for the Federal Communications Commission from 1973 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn was a partner in the telecommunications law firm of Brown and Finn; and

WHEREAS, While living and working in the Washington, D.C. area, Representative Finn wrote the laws and regulations for Cable TV and Satellites, and testified before the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate on telecommunication policy; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn first came to Washington state to help start KXXO 96.1 FM, a radio station in Olympia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn was also a small business owner in Olympia, owning and operating the Lynch Paint Store at 4th and Jefferson for many years; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn served for nine years on the Griffin School Board, founded the Griffin School Foundation to help raise funds for school needs, and started the Tiernan-Keigher Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, It was Representative Finn's involvement on the Griffin School Board and desire to fully fund Basic Education in our state that led him to run for state representative; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn has sponsored and cosponsored legislation to help veterans and military service members, law enforcement officers, working families, small businesses, and the most vulnerable in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn has a deep love for the natural beauty of Washington state, and has supported efforts to protect our waterways from pollution and toxins; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his legislative family, Representative Fred Finn has a loving and devoted family in the form of his wife, Bonnie, his children Sean, Megan, and Wyatt, and his grandsons Vast and Frederick Wesley; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn has a love of music and plays guitar and saxophone, and is a talented singer and dancer; and

WHEREAS, Representative Finn played in a rock and roll band called The Routemen, who performed at the 1965 World's Fair in New York; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature will not be the same without him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington celebrate and commemorate the grand and distinguished legislative, civic, and professional career of Washington State Representative Fred Finn; 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 Fred Finn and the members of his family.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4680 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 8, 2012

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk