HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4651, by Representatives Jinkins, Wilcox, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Boehnke, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Chopp, Cody, Corry, Davis, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Gildon, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hansen, Harris, Hoff, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, J. Johnson, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, Mead, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Riccelli, Robinson, Rude, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shewmake, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Tarleton, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

WHEREAS, On this day, 75 years ago, the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp was liberated by Allied forces; and

WHEREAS, The people of Washington were heavily involved in the effort to win World War II and stop the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, Remembering the experiences of Holocaust survivors and the soldiers who freed them is critically important today; and

WHEREAS, It is not simply enough to say, "Never Again," but to understand what led up to death camps such as Auschwitz-Birkenau; and

WHEREAS, The Holocaust did not begin with concentration camps and genocide, but with bigotry, discrimination, and hate; and

WHEREAS, Dehumanization and division still exist today and will only fester unless we stand up against anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination and hate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognizes the historical significance of this day and lends its voice and support to the global commemoration.