HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4686, 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, Shea, Shewmake, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Tarleton, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt was born on November 3, 1965, in Tacoma, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt traveled extensively as a youth while his father served in the military; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt graduated from Cheyenne East High School in Cheyenne, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt graduated from University of Wyoming where he studied International Relations; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt married his wife, Amy, in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt and his wife, Amy, have two children: Sophie (DeBolt) Traulsen and Austin DeBolt; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt has been a leader in the business community, including as former Director of the Chehalis-Centralia Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt was elected to the Washington State House of Representatives in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt has been a pillar in his communities for years having served in several leadership roles, including on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt has received numerous awards and recognition from various groups for his work in the Washington State Legislature and his communities; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt has advocated for taxpayers, employers, schools, local governments, and more accountability in state government during his time in the Washington State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt has provided strong leadership for the House Republican Caucus in various positions, including as House Republican Leader from 2006 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt is the ranking Republican on the House Capital Budget Committee, in which he has helped lead efforts to finance K-12 education school construction, enhancements in behavioral and mental health systems, programs to protect the environment, and important projects in communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt has led, and continues to lead, efforts for Chehalis River flood-reduction programs; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 2020, Representative Richard DeBolt announced on the House floor that he would not seek reelection in November 2020; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt's leadership, actions, and devotion to causes have made a positive difference for the people and communities of the 20th Legislative District and the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard DeBolt looks forward to consulting, traveling, boating, golfing, and spending more time with his family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Richard DeBolt for his twenty-four years of dedicated public service to the people and communities of the 20th Legislative District and to the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Honorable Richard DeBolt.