HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95-4613, by Representatives Chandler, Mulliken, Koster, D. Schmidt and Smith

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward McLeary and Mrs. Lois McLeary of Tacoma, Washington, have consistently contributed to this state as successful business persons; and

WHEREAS, 1995 marks the 50th anniversary year of Troutlodge, Inc., world-renowned producers and breeding specialists of rainbow trout and salmon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLeary has exemplified the true entrepreneurial spirit of Washingtonians by creating on the headwaters of Rocky Ford Creek, near Soap Lake, Washington, what has become the largest fish breeding and hatchery business in the world, producing and supplying over 300 million live trout and salmon eggs per year; and

WHEREAS, The exemplary success of Troutlodge, and Mr. and Mrs. McLeary, has depended in great part upon the exceptional support of the McLeary children and grandchildren; to wit, Dr. Randy McLeary and Mrs. Jill McLeary and their sons Andrew, John Paul, and Jeff McLeary, and upon their daughter Janice McLeary-Peters and her husband, Mr. Brian Peters and their son, Wesley Peters, and upon Russell McLeary, President of Troutlodge; and

WHEREAS, The exemplary success of Troutlodge has also depended in great part upon the highly valued, indispensable, and tireless contributions of the personnel at the six Washington facilities and one Oregon facility; to wit, those with over thirty years' contribution to Troutlodge are Bill Townsend and Sharon Townsend; those with over twenty years' contribution to Troutlodge are Vera Wilson; those with over ten years' contribution to Troutlodge are Jim Zimmerman, Klaus Meyn, Dave Crosby, Tom Elliott, Brian Peters, Doug Smith, Camilla Timm, Bill Witt, and Tom Wooten; and other highly valued personnel, Steve Amend, Karla Drafs, Shane Drafs, Mary Elliott, Glate Harris, Lee McAfee, Clay Pirtle, Darren Rose, LaDaska Timm, Wes Kight, Patricia Pedersen, Mike Henry, Hazel Gillard, Andy Corollazzo, Maura Jansen, Chris Curtis, Donnie Gillard, Dave Meier, Boyd Ogden, Tonya Gillard, Dale Ronnie Gillard, Mario Pagone, Mark Dixon, Karl Stawski, Mike Arthur, Tina Leonard, and Dolores Arreguin-Carey; and

WHEREAS, This enduring, dauntless, and consistent effort has resulted in Troutlodge being the largest individual trout and salmon egg producer and supplier in the world, exporting to twenty-five foreign countries and thirty states of the Union, earning the Governor's Export Award for Agriculture in 1987 and 1988, with superior performance and service being provided for the past fifty years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives salute, commend, and honor the entrepreneurial spirit and contributions of Edward and Lois McLeary, the McLeary family, and the resolute and persevering contributions of Troutlodge employees and staff, upon the occasion of the 50th anniversary year of Troutlodge, the world-renowned producers and breeding specialists of rainbow trout and salmon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Ed and Lois McLeary, the McLeary family, and the personnel of Troutlodge, on Agriculture Business Day, February 9, 1995.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4613 adopted by the House of Representatives April 11, 1995.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk