

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95-4653, by Representatives D. Schmidt, Scott, Campbell, Lambert, Conway, Basich, Hatfield, L. Thomas, Chandler, Thompson, Ogden, Kremen, Casada, Cooke, Schoesler and Robertson

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in service and contribution to the great state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Ex-POW's, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Northwest Chapter of The Chosin Few, Disabled American Veterans, Kitsap County Veterans Coalition, Retired Officers Association, Military Order of Purple Hearts, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Military Order of World Wars have all demonstrated excellence in service and contribution to the great state of Washington by their principled and selfless efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Stars and Stripes, with fifty stars representing each of the fifty states and thirteen stripes representing each of the thirteen original colonies, is the National Flag of these United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Each time the Stars and Stripes is unfurled, it proudly and boldly proclaims the blessings of providence, the unwavering strength of democracy, the radiant light of freedom, the resounding ring of justice, and the perennial promise of liberty for all; and

WHEREAS, The ideals richly and deeply embodied in the Stars and Stripes have been guaranteed, protected, purchased, and ensured with the sacrifice of the very breath of life itself, in battles near and far, recent and long ago, by valiant and courageous American citizens serving in our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, As the House of Representatives undertakes and labors in the most noble and honorable of endeavors for and on behalf of the citizens of this great state of Washington, the Stars and Stripes should be prominently installed and displayed alongside our State Flag in all public rooms and places of the legislature as a testament to the ideals it so intrepidly embodies and declares and to honor all the sacrifices that have guaranteed, protected, and ensured the very freedom and liberty for the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Ex-POW's, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Northwest Chapter of The Chosin Few, Disabled American Veterans, Kitsap County Veterans Coalition, Retired Officers Association, Military Order of Purple Hearts, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Military Order of World Wars, each with the highest honor and reverence for the Stars and Stripes, borne upon virtuous service to these United States of America, and for all the ideals so richly and deeply embodied by the Stars and Stripes, have graciously provided the House of Representatives of the great state of Washington with the Stars and Stripes to prominently install and display in each of the public rooms and places of the legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor the excellence in service and contribution demonstrated by all organizations, and their respective members, indicated in this Resolution, and for the example of inspiration they have set for others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to each of the distinctive organizations indicated in this Resolution.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4653 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 4, 1995.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk