

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97-4670, by Representatives Veloria, Cooke, Tokuda, Murray, Crouse, Wolfe, Cody, K. Schmidt, Alexander, Reams, Kastama, Cooper, Dickerson and Butler

WHEREAS, The Pulitzer Prize was created by Joseph Pulitzer in 1883 for "the encouragement of public service, public morale, American literature and the advancement of education"; and

WHEREAS, The Pulitzer Prize is journalism's most prestigious prize; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Times recently won two 1997 Pulitzer Prizes in journalism, which is a rare honor; and

WHEREAS, One Pulitzer Prize was awarded for a series about fraud and mismanagement in federally funded tribal housing programs, which resulted in a subsequent investigation by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Another Pulitzer Prize was awarded for coverage on commercial airline safety, a topic which could have wide implications; and

WHEREAS, The tribal housing story involved the reporting team of Deborah Nelson, Eric Nalder, and Alex Tizon; and

WHEREAS, The aerospace story was investigated and written by Byron Acohido; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to diversify newsroom staff should be recognized and encouraged; and

WHEREAS, Alex Tizon and Bryon Acohido are both Filipino Americans; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Nelson, Eric Nalder, Alex Tizon, and Byron Acohido are all residents of Washington state and Alex Tizon and Eric Nalder were born in Washington state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the achievements of The Seattle Times reporters Alex Tizon, Byron Acohido, Deborah Nelson, and Eric Nalder, as well as the historical contributions by Joseph Pulitzer, a Hungarian-born American journalist; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to The Seattle Times, Alex Tizon, Byron Acohido, Deborah Nelson, Eric Nalder, and the School of Journalism at Columbia University.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4670 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 24, 1997.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk