HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98-4721, by Representatives Chopp, Mason, Constantine, Murray, Linville, Appelwick, Dunshee, Veloria, Hatfield, Butler, Cody, Lantz, Kenney, Dickerson, Regala, Wolfe and Conway

WHEREAS, Hazel Wolf, born on March 10, 1898, has lived an exceptional life and is a recognized leader in the environmental and peace and justice communities in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Wolf has helped organize twenty-one of the twenty-six chapters of the National Audubon Society in Washington state and one chapter in Victoria, British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Wolf has served as an officer of the Seattle Audubon Society for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Wolf successfully fought McCarthy-period tactics to deport her to her native Canada in a sixteen-year battle that advanced nearly to the Supreme Court, finally ending in vindication for her cause in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Wolf has worked passionately on many grassroots issues, including laying the groundwork for tribes and environmental groups in Washington state to share concerns and find common ground on the environment, a cause she first advanced in 1979 by traveling to fifteen tribes in Washington and Canada, urging them to convene a joint conference with conservation groups; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1990's, she helped a group of low-income citizens start the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Wolf regularly and actively educates others on civic matters in such locales as grade school classrooms and legislative offices in Olympia or Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The Audubon Society recently created "Kids for the Environment," an endowment in honor of Hazel Wolf, to fund activities that connect urban children with nature; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Wolf has received numerous awards, including the National Audubon Society Medal of Excellence, the Chevron Conservation Award for Citizen Volunteers, an honorary Doctorate degree from Seattle University, the Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility's Paul Beeson Peace Award, the Washington Environmental Council's "Environmental Angel of the First Order," the National Audubon Society's Conservationist of the Year, the Business and Professional Women of Fife/Milton Award, the Association of Biologists and Ecologists of Nicaragua Award, the State of Washington's Environmental Excellence Award, and the State of New York's Sol Feinstein Award; and

WHEREAS, On March 10, 1998, Hazel Wolf will celebrate one century of living;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor March 10, 1998, as Hazel Wolf Day and acknowledge the great contributions made by Ms. Wolf to our environment and its natural preservation, and to the general welfare of Washington state's citizenry, through decade upon decade of personal sacrifice, commitment, and sustained concern.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk