HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98-4724, by Representatives O'Brien, Wood, Kenney, Cooper, Van Luven, D. Schmidt, Robertson and Dunn

WHEREAS, Many people still consider baseball "The Great American Game"; and WHEREAS, The greatest symmetry ever created was the ninety feet between bases and home; and

WHEREAS, The Puget Sound Men's Senior Baseball League was founded in 1988, to allow those who still dream of sneaking a fastball past Ken Griffey, Jr., making a Willie Mays catch, or hitting a Mark McGwire home run, to get out on the field; and

WHEREAS, The Puget Sound Men's Senior Baseball League is affiliated with the national Men's Senior Baseball League, a hardball league for men over thirty; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Men's Senior Baseball League initially was composed of four teams and has now grown to forty teams and five hundred players; and

WHEREAS, During the 1995 season, the Puget Sound Men's Senior Baseball League included three teams of women baseball players; and

WHEREAS, The national Men's Senior Baseball League holds a World Series each fall; and WHEREAS, The Puget Sound Men's Senior Baseball League has participated in that World Series each year in the thirty-and-over, forty-and-over, and fifty-and-over divisions; and

WHEREAS, The Puget Sound Scorpions, representing the Puget Sound Men's Senior Baseball League, won the forty-and-over American Division of the national Men's Senior Baseball League World Series in Phoenix, Arizona in November 1997, playing nine games in six days; and

WHEREAS, The Scorpions were the first team from Washington ever to win this tournament; and

WHEREAS, The '97 Puget Sound Scorpions will now join the '06 Chicago Cubs, '27 New York Yankees, '76 Cincinnati Reds, '79 Pittsburgh Pirates, and '69 New York Mets as a team of legend in the annals of baseball;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the achievements of the Puget Sound Scorpions and extend congratulations for winning the World Series; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the players and coaches of the Puget Sound Scorpions, Steve Adams, Marlin Appelwick, Jim Fullenwider, Joe Harvala, Steve Huff, Scott Johnson, Jim McDowell, Vern McDowell, Bill McGirr, Dave McNeal, Tom Miller, Mike Ouellette, Mark Patterson, Glenn Powers, Lenny Pupo, Don Roth, Mike Slattery, and Bart Waldman, and to Brian Ouellette, batboy. AND LET THEIR NAMES JOIN THE ROLLS OF THE IMMORTALS IN THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4724 adopted by the House of Representatives March 8, 1998.