<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4636</u>, by Representatives Delvin, Stensen, B. Chandler, McMorris, Crouse, DeBolt, McDonald, Buck, Boldt, Anderson, Mielke, Reardon, Sump, Kastama, Bush, Morris, Schoesler, Mastin, Grant, G. Chandler, Ruderman, Thomas, Esser, Hankins, Skinner, Dunn and Fortunato

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize and honor the extraordinary things that make life in Washington state unique for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish are a valued part of our heritage that should be forever preserved for the people and maintained for the public good; and

WHEREAS, Hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish are time-honored means of providing food, clothing, and other important resources for individuals and families throughout Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish provide many hours for fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters to spend together sharing, working, solving problems, exploring the outdoors, experiencing nature, and enjoying the bountiful blessings bestowed by our Creator; and

WHEREAS, Hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish have provided a means of livelihood for over 150 years for thousands of Washington residents allowing hunters and nonhunters and fishers and nonfishers alike throughout this nation and the world to enjoy the wonderful products of their labors; and

WHEREAS, Hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish have given sports hunters and fishers untold pleasures while pursuing the challenges of the chase and catch in a responsible and humane manner; and

WHEREAS, Hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish are unique parts of the culture of Washington state and provide exceptional opportunities for all our citizens to enjoy the ocean, our rivers, creeks, streams, lakes, and ponds, and our mountains, hills, valleys, fields, plains, and desert;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the benefits of hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish and honor those individuals and organizations that work both to protect and produce our game and fish and to promote and preserve our freedoms and opportunities for hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4636 adopted by the House of Representatives April 20, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk	Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk