

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4672, by Representatives McDonald, Delvin, McIntire, Mitchell, Fortunato, Wensman, Conway, Thomas, Constantine, Campbell and Esser

WHEREAS, April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled after that inspirational document; and

WHEREAS, This resolution honors the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the governors in nine of the original thirteen states were of Scottish ancestry, and Scottish Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times; and

WHEREAS, This resolution recognizes the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish Americans such as Neil Armstrong, Alexander Graham Bell, Andrew Carnegie, Thomas Alva Edison, William Faulkner, Malcolm Forbes, Billy Graham, Alexander Hamilton, Washington Irving, John Paul Jones, John Marshall, Andrew Mellon, Samuel F.B. Morse, James Naismith, Edgar Allen Poe, Gilbert Stuart, Elizabeth Taylor, General Douglas MacArthur, and Arnold Palmer, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, This resolution commends the more than two hundred thousand organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish heritage, tradition, and culture and that represent the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every state, including Washington; and

WHEREAS, These numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April 6th as "National Tartan Day."

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4672 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 6, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk