

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4692, by Representatives Regala, Fisher, Lantz, Conway and Wolfe

WHEREAS, Our nation, state, and the Tacoma community in particular, have lost a great treasure and a wonderful inspiration with the passing this week of a true friend, Alberta Canada; and

WHEREAS, Alberta Canada provided an exceptional and honorable example for us all to follow; and

WHEREAS, The promise and pride of Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood is a reflection of the work and compassion of this brilliant and caring citizen; and

WHEREAS, Even though her time among us was all too short, her significant impact on the community will be felt for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Alberta Canada was born in Tacoma just fifty-one years ago; and

WHEREAS, Eleven years ago she founded the Martin Luther King Housing Development Association, an organization that has restored hopes and homes for countless families; and

WHEREAS, Alberta Canada saw the good and worth of every individual, trusting her gentle instincts in tireless work with troubled young people; and

WHEREAS, Alberta Canada graduated at the top of her St. Leo's High School class in Tacoma, graduated with honors from Seattle University, and completed a graduate program at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Even while raising three daughters on her own, Alberta Canada's early professional life quickly flourished as she earned her way into an important management position with the Social Security Administration; and

WHEREAS, Her service on the boards of trustees of Bellarmine Preparatory High School and Tacoma Community College reflected her love and respect for education, a vibrant theme running through the many civic and community activities to which this remarkable soul dedicated her boundless energy and estimable talents; and

WHEREAS, A Tacoma newspaper reported these very appropriate remembrances of this unique and special citizen: "Passionate and articulate. Brilliant, a person of great vision, wisdom and dreams, who didn't just talk about changes. She made changes.";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington celebrate and honor the life, the work, and the dedication of Alberta Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to the family of Alberta Canada, to Bellarmine Preparatory High School, to Seattle University, to the University of Washington, to St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, and to the Martin Luther King Housing Development Association.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4692 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 24, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk