HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4713, by Representatives DeBolt, Alexander, Fortunato, Dunn, Hatfield, Wensman and Koster

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks is a nation-wide organization that embodies the spirit of community service and compassion to people in all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks has established lodges in over fifty-two different communities in the state of Washington, representing over sixty thousand members; and

WHEREAS, These local lodges and members dedicate countless hours and resources to improving the lives of citizens throughout the state of Washington through many important and charitable projects; and

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks wishes to pay its respects to the officials of the state of Washington, including all members of the fifty-sixth Washington State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Elks Association is holding their annual Elks Legislative Reception Day on this day, January 18, 2000; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of the Washington State House of Representatives to acknowledge the unselfish service and dedication of the community organizations in this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hereby recognize and honor the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks for its outstanding service and programs for youth, disabled children, educational scholarships, drug prevention, and a variety of community-oriented charities and service programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Warren Donnelly, President of the Washington State Elks Association.

> I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4713 adopted by the House of Representatives January 12, 2000.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk