<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4709</u>, by Representatives Walsh, Hankins, Skinner, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Buck, Buri, Campbell, Chandler, Chase, Chopp, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Cox, Crouse, Curtis, Darneille, DeBolt, Dickerson, Dunn, Dunshee, Eickmeyer, Ericks, Ericksen, Flannigan, Fromhold, Grant, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Holmquist, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jarrett, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Kilmer, Kirby, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lantz, Linville, Lovick, McCoy, McCune, McDermott, McDonald, McIntire, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Murray, Newhouse, Nixon, O'Brien, Orcutt, Ormsby, Pettigrew, Priest, Quall, Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Santos, Schindler, Schual-Berke, Sells, Serben, Shabro, Simpson, Sommers, Springer, Strow, B. Sullivan, P. Sullivan, Sump, Takko, Talcott, Tom, Upthegrove, Wallace, Williams, Wood and Woods

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the House of Representatives to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Dale Bowman exhibited true excellence during his tenure as a state employee; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman was born October 4, 1954, in Burlingame, California, to Helen and Wilbur Bowman, and had two sisters, Valoren and Cheryl, and one brother, Buddy; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman spent his younger years in Seaside and Jewell, Oregon, and graduated from Jewell High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman served in the United States Army from 1974 to 1982, eight years of those as an Orthopedic Specialist and Operating Room Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman attended Clover Park Vocational Technical Institute from 1982 to 1985 and graduated as a Computer Maintenance Technician; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman became father to Allison Leigh Bowman in 1988, and husband to Mary in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman came to work for the Legislature in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman served the Legislature for 20 years, with dedication and cheerfulness, by supporting the members and staff in their use of information technology; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman was a humble and warm man, with an infectious smile and wit, and an incredible and enthusiastic zest for life; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman, whatever circumstances he found himself in, was always ready to listen, to encourage, and to fight for what he thought was right; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman was respected for his sincerity, his honesty, his kindness, and his friendship; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman loved God, his family, fantasy football, people, music, and travel; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bowman exhibited great strength and faith in the last battle of his life, spending more time comforting his family and friends, than being comforted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor Rick Bowman for his many years of dedicated service, his personal and professional integrity, and his faithfulness to the principles and ideals that were the basis of his character and his life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Mary Bowman and Allison Bowman.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4709 adopted by the House of Representatives March 6, 2006 Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk