HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4722, by Representatives Armstrong, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, 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, Hankins, 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, Pearson, Pettigrew, Priest, Quall, Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Santos, Schindler, Schual-Berke, Sells, Serben, Shabro, Simpson, Skinner, Sommers, Springer, Strow, B. Sullivan, P. Sullivan, Sump, Takko, Tom, Upthegrove, Wallace, Walsh, Williams, Wood and Woods

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott has served the people of the 28th Legislative District as a distinguished and respected member of the Washington State House of Representatives since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott's district includes the communities of DuPont, Fircrest, Lakewood, Steilacoom, Tillicum, University Place, West Tacoma, and Anderson, Day, Ketron, and McNeil Islands; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott, as a career educator, taught both at the elementary school level and at Clover Park Technical College; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott has since established herself as a statewide leader on education issues and is recognized and respected for her dedication to achieving excellence in education for the children of our state; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott is known for her quiet, meticulous work on tough issues; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott's calm, thoughtful, and deliberate manner will be greatly missed by her House colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott, during her legislative career, served in leadership as Majority Whip from 1994 to 1998, and as chair of the House Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott has received several awards, including Team McChord's Teaching Excellence Award in 1992, the President's Recognition Award in 1998-99 from the Association of Washington School Principals, the National Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award in 1994, and Person of the Year in 1998 from the Metropolitan Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott works closely with Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Red Cross, and her church; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott and her husband, Ron, a Boeing pilot and retired military, have two sons and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gigi Talcott plans to spend much more time with her family after retiring, in addition to lots of traveling;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State House of Representatives and staff express our deep appreciation to Representative Gigi Talcott for her commitment and dedicated service to the people of the 28th Legislative District and to all the people of Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Representative Gigi Talcott.

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk