HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4723, by Representatives Armstrong, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, Bailey, Blake, Buck, Buri, Campbell, Chandler, Chase, Chopp, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, 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, Talcott, Tom, Upthegrove, Wallace, Walsh, Williams, Wood and Woods

WHEREAS, Representative Don Cox has served the people of the 9th Legislative District as a distinguished and respected member of the Washington State House of Representatives since 1999; and WHEREAS, Representative Don Cox's district includes all or parts of Adams, Franklin, Asotin,

south Spokane, and Whitman Counties; and

WHEREAS, Representative Don Cox became an educator more than thirty years ago beginning his career as a teacher where he taught at the elementary and high school levels, as well as becoming a high school counselor; and

WHEREAS, Representative Don Cox also worked several years on the administrative side of education serving as a vice-principal and principal in various school districts before he became Superintendent of Colfax School District; and

WHEREAS, Representative Don Cox has since established himself as a statewide leader on education issues and is recognized and respected for his dedication to achieving excellence in education for the children of our state; and

WHEREAS, Representative Don Cox's career in education has given him unique first hand knowledge, experience, and expertise of our state's education system which he was able to utilize as a member of the House Education Committee and as ranking Republican member of the Higher Education Committee, as well as his service on the prestigious Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Don Cox, in addition to his legislative responsibilities, is an Adjunct Professor at Washington State University, teaching the WSU school superintendents certificate of mastery; and

WHEREAS, Representative Don Cox and his wife, Sherry, live in Colfax, where they own a family farm and are the proud parents of a grown son and daughter and doting grandparents to their four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Representative Don Cox has a reputation for being a "class act," dignified, "voice of reason," statesman, "calm-in-the-midst-of the-storm" gentleman legislator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State House of Representatives and staff express our deep appreciation to Representative Don Cox for his commitment and dedicated service to the people of the 9th 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 Don Cox.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4723 adopted by the House of Representatives March 8, 2006 Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk