

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4651, by Representatives Wilcox, Tarleton, Appleton, Buys, Caldier, Dunshee, Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Harmsworth, Hickel, Hudgins, Johnson, Kagi, Kochmar, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, Moeller, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pollet, Robinson, Rodne, Rossetti, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Sells, Short, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Wilson, Wylie, and Young

1 WHEREAS, On July 30, 2016, in Olympia, upwards of 20,000 visitors
2 will enthusiastically welcome the arrival of more than 100 tribal
3 canoes as they conclude long distance journeys as participants in
4 this year's Tribal Canoe Journey, "2016 Paddle to Nisqually," hosted
5 by the Nisqually Tribe, whose homeland is south Puget Sound; and

6 WHEREAS, The canoes will represent approximately 60 tribes from
7 many locations in Washington, Alaska, and British Columbia, as well
8 as from other states and countries, and will arrive at the Port of
9 Olympia's NorthPoint near Swantown Marina in downtown Olympia; and

10 WHEREAS, Following their arrival in Olympia, the canoes will join
11 together in multiday cultural festivities until August 6th, which
12 festivities are open to the public, at the Nisqually Tribal community
13 at Olympia, halfway between Olympia and Yelm, in Thurston County; and

14 WHEREAS, The Tribal Canoe Journey, "2016 Paddle to Nisqually,"
15 represents a revival of traditional canoe culture fundamental to
16 traditional Native American life around Puget Sound, the Salish Sea,
17 the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Pacific Ocean, and other Pacific
18 Northwest marine waters, which frequently involved long journeys for
19 economic, social, and cultural purposes; and

20 WHEREAS, The Tribal Canoe Journeys have become a vital activity
21 for the revitalization of cultural expression to allow Native
22 American families to pass along their traditional way of life to
23 younger generations; and

