

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4681, by Representatives Stambaugh, Sawyer, Dolan, Haler, Irwin, Jinkins, McDonald, Peterson, McCabe, Barkis, Muri, Johnson, Ryu, Stanford, and Fey

1 WHEREAS, July 28, 2018, in the Puyallup Indian Reservation,  
2 upwards of 20,000 visitors will enthusiastically welcome the arrival  
3 of more than 100 tribal canoes as they conclude long distance  
4 journeys as participants in this year's Tribal Canoe Journey, "2018  
5 Paddle to Puyallup," hosted by the Puyallup Tribe, whose homeland is  
6 south Puget Sound; and

7 WHEREAS, The Puyallup Tribe whose name translates to, "generous  
8 and welcoming to all people," will welcome those at the end of their  
9 canoe journey; and

10 WHEREAS, The canoes will arrive in Commencement Bay and represent  
11 over 60 tribes from Washington, California, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska,  
12 British Columbia, and other states and countries; and

13 WHEREAS, Following their arrival on Puyallup Indian Lands, the  
14 canoes will join together at the Puyallup Tribe's Chief Leschi School  
15 in multiday cultural festivities, which are open to the public and  
16 last until August 4, 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, The Tribal Canoe Journey, "2018 Paddle to Puyallup,"  
18 represents a revival of traditional canoe culture fundamental to  
19 traditional Native American life around Puget Sound, the Salish Sea,  
20 the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Pacific Ocean, and other Pacific  
21 Northwest marine waters that frequently involved long journeys for  
22 economic, social, and cultural purposes; and

1       WHEREAS, Tribal Canoe Journeys have become a vital activity for  
2 the revitalization of cultural expression for Native American  
3 families to pass along their traditional way of life to younger  
4 generations; and

5       WHEREAS, The inaugural Tribal Canoe Journey, "Paddle to Seattle,"  
6 coincided with the 1989 State of Washington's Centennial Celebration  
7 and brought 17 tribes together as a tribute to the Salish Sea's  
8 tribal canoe tradition and cultural heritage; and

9       WHEREAS, "2018 Paddle to Puyallup" is a community-building,  
10 youth-focused, drug-free, alcohol-free, and waste-free event, with  
11 the motto "Honoring our Medicine";

12       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
13 heartily welcome to the state capitol the many tribal members and  
14 tribal paddlers, support teams, hundreds of volunteers, and thousands  
15 of enthusiastic visitors who will participate in this historic  
16 gathering, Tribal Canoe Journey, "2018 Paddle to Puyallup"; and

17       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
18 congratulate the Puyallup Tribe for its leadership in organizing and  
19 hosting the Tribal Canoe Journey, "2018 Paddle to Puyallup" event and  
20 further express their appreciation to the City of Tacoma, the Port of  
21 Tacoma, Pierce County, and hundreds of volunteers for their active  
22 support of this historic event; and

23       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express  
24 their admiration for the personal fitness and endurance of the tribal  
25 paddlers, many of whom will have paddled for hundreds of miles to  
26 Puyallup; and

27       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
28 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
29 Representatives, to the Puyallup Tribe, the City of Tacoma, the Port  
30 of Tacoma, and Pierce County.

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