

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4685, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chapman, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dye, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graves, Gregerson, Griffey, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jenkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, Manweller, Maycumber, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morris, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, and Young

1 WHEREAS, Representative Larry Haler was born in Iowa City, Iowa
2 and educated at two of Washington state's finest institutions of
3 higher learning, Pacific Lutheran University and Bellevue-based City
4 University; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Larry Haler has over 40 years' experience
6 working in the nuclear industry, most of it focused on nuclear
7 control rooms, safety training, and community relations, and as such
8 has become the Legislature's resident expert on all things Hanford;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Larry Haler has had a long and
11 illustrious civic career having been elected to the Richland City
12 Council in 1989, where he served for 15 years, including as
13 Richland's Mayor from 1996 to 2000, before he was elected to the
14 state House of Representatives in 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, Residents in the 8th Legislative District have shown
16 their support for Representative Larry Haler's character, work ethic,
17 priorities, demeanor, and ideals by electing him to the House of
18 Representatives seven consecutive times; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Larry Haler spent much of his legislative
20 career focusing on education, higher education, economic development,
21 protecting taxpayers, and health care for underserved areas; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Larry Haler sponsored legislation signed
23 into law by two different governors to protect students from

1 predatory teachers, increase health care access to rural and
2 underserved areas, and to help sick and injured Hanford workers get
3 the help and health care they need; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Larry Haler is known for his love of all
5 things science, including gravitational waves, quarks, dark matter,
6 and the mass of neutrinos, and frequently beguiles friends and
7 colleagues alike with discussions of the work being done at the Laser
8 Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory and the Pacific
9 Northwest National Laboratory in Richland; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Larry Haler's warm smile, quick wit, and
11 sincere gratitude endeared him to members and staff on both sides of
12 the aisle and in both legislative chambers; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Larry Haler's love for the legislative
14 institution, respect for all members and staff, eagerness to serve
15 the public, and genuine distaste for partisan bickering made him a
16 unique and stalwart member of the House of Representatives;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
18 honor and recognize Representative Larry Haler for his many years of
19 service, poignant floor speeches, ability to work across the aisle
20 and rotunda, and demeanor as a true statesman; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
22 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
23 Representatives to Representative Larry Haler and his lovely wife,
24 Jenifer, and their precocious dog, Princess.

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