

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4664, by Representative Hudgins

1 WHEREAS, 2018 marks the twenty-third anniversary of the senseless  
2 murders of three Filipina-Americans, Susana Remerata Blackwell, a  
3 mail order bride, victim of domestic violence and forced  
4 servitude, and her two friends Phoebe Dizon, and Veronica Laureta  
5 inside the King County Courthouse; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2000 Anastasia Solovieva-King from Kyrgyzstan was  
7 murdered by her husband in Washington state in a separate incident of  
8 human trafficking that resulted in domestic violence; and

9 WHEREAS, The tragic deaths of these women brought widespread  
10 national media attention that elevated knowledge about the insidious  
11 nature of forced servitude, fraud and coercion and highlighted the  
12 fact that forced servitude is a form of human trafficking that often  
13 ends in violence; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2001, the University of Washington Women's Center  
15 under the leadership of Dr. Sutapa Basu began convening a conference  
16 on human trafficking in Washington State and, in 2002, led the  
17 efforts in creating the nation's first state task force against the  
18 trafficking of persons, and in 2003 in creating the crime of  
19 trafficking on state level, the first of its kind in the United  
20 States; and

21 WHEREAS, Early awareness of the problems around trafficking in  
22 Washington state was brought to light due to the tireless efforts  
23 under the leadership of Emma Catague and former State Representative

1 Velma Veloria, along with organizations working with the immigrants,  
2 refugees and communities of color; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2011 President Obama proclaimed January "National  
4 Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention month," and in recognition  
5 that trafficking of persons is now the world's second-largest and  
6 fastest-growing underground economy;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
8 of Representatives recognize those people and organizations that  
9 fight daily against the scourge of human trafficking, and encourage  
10 others to observe the National Slavery and Human Trafficking  
11 Prevention month with appropriate ceremonies and activities to combat  
12 human trafficking.

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14 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
15 Resolution 4664 adopted by the House of Representatives

16 January 30, 2018  
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk