HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4630, by Representative Ybarra

WHEREAS, Ryan Shane Thompson was born and raised in Walla Walla, Washington, and was a graduate of Walla Walla High School and Central Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ryan Thompson served our state and his community with dedication, professionalism, and honor; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ryan Thompson began his career in law enforcement as a reserve deputy with Kittitas County in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Thompson also served as a corrections officer. He joined the Central Washington University Police Department in 2007, returning to the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office in 2013 where he spent the remainder of his career; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ryan Thompson was a radiant and loving family man, dedicated to his family first, and always; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ryan Thompson protected his community with the same vigilance. He was known for his positive attitude regardless of the situation, treating all with an innate kindness, and being one who would do anything for a friend; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ryan Thompson was known for his generosity of spirit and enjoyed spending time with friends and colleagues at the Roslyn Fire Department, especially when pancakes were on the menu; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ryan Thompson leaves behind a legacy of fond memories with those who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife Sara and three children, Madison, Pepper, and Archer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives express its deepest condolences to the family, friends, colleagues, and community that have lost Deputy Ryan Thompson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join the people of the State of Washington in expressing our gratitude for the dedicated service of Deputy Ryan Thompson and remember the man, father, and husband who gave his life for the community he cherished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its appreciation to the brave women and men who protect our state every day as members of local law enforcement and particularly Deputy Ryan Thompson's brothers and sisters at the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the surviving family members of Deputy Ryan Thompson, Kittitas County Sheriff Gene Dana, and members of the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office.