

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4615, by Representative Ferguson, Van Luven, Miller, Ballard, Betrozoff, Hargrove, Silver, R. Meyers, Prentice, D. Sommers, Moyer, Winsley, Tate, Nealey, Fuhrman, Morton, Neher, Paris, Horn, Edmondson, Wynne, Vance, Chandler and Bowman

WHEREAS, On January 19, 1991, Val Saint was named "Citizen of the Year" in Redmond, Washington, by the Redmond Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Twelve years ago Val Saint was forced to leave his native Romania after years of government persecution for his Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, During his time in America Val Saint, his wife Veronica, daughters Olympia and Simona, and son David have become extremely hard working and respected citizens of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Val Saint recently observed, in the "20/20" television program, inhuman conditions endured by Romanian children, many of them handicapped, during the twenty-four year reign of Nicolae Ceasescu and since; and

WHEREAS, Because they were deeply moved to do something about these atrocities, Val Saint and his family sold their large new home and purchased a much more modest one, using the proceeds from the sale to set up a fund, administered by the "Mission to Unreached People," to build an orphanage in Romania for these children; and

WHEREAS, Since becoming aware of the critical needs of "nobody's children" in Romania, Val Saint has taken three trips to Romania at his own expense to deliver donated food, medical supplies, clothing, and blankets to the children, and he continues his mission; and

WHEREAS, Val Saint is a caring, compassionate, highly motivated person with a belief in the good of people, who has, by his example and that of his family, become an inspiration to us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognizes and honors Val Saint as a true humanitarian; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Val Saint and Veronica Saint, and to Redmond Mayor Doreen Marchione.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4615 adopted by the House of Representatives February 8, 1991.

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Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives