

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4644, by Representatives Zellinsky, Schmidt, Sheldon, P. Johnson, R. Meyers and Pruitt

WHEREAS, The New York-based Money magazine last fall recognized Bremerton as the most liveable community in the United States of America, a fact that many of us already knew; and

WHEREAS, Money magazine refers to Bremerton as "a medium-size, safe, environmentally clean place, with a rebounding economy, located an hour or less from a large, vibrant U.S. City"; and

WHEREAS, Bremerton is well-known for its natural beauty, clean air, blue water, and ready access to the Olympic Mountains, making it an ideal location for boaters, cyclists, clam diggers, campers, hikers, swimmers, joggers, and sporting enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Bremerton is proud of its rich heritage of support for the United States Navy. Home of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for one hundred years, Bremerton is host to a high tech shipyard capable of servicing all manner of naval vessels including the largest nuclear aircraft carriers; and

WHEREAS, The downtown Bremerton waterfront is fast becoming a major tourist attraction. The public fishing and recreational pier is already in place, while a two-block boardwalk along the water edge, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Centennial Plaza, a fifty-slip moorage, and public tours of the retired naval destroyer U.S.S. Turner Joy are just around the corner; and

WHEREAS, Bremerton is proud of its strong school system, including the Bremerton School District, which recently opened a new, modern high school with a one thousand two hundred seat performing arts center, and Olympic College, which provides a wide array of vocational and traditional courses for six thousand five hundred students, and a strong apprentice school at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard; and

WHEREAS, There are many cultural offerings available for Bremerton residents, including the Bremerton Symphony, the Bremerton Community Theater, Central Stage Presentations, and the Bremerton Performing Arts Center. Furthermore, a three million two hundred thousand dollar renovation of the Admiral Theater, a World War II-era movie house, is underway; and

WHEREAS, Bremerton residents celebrate their great community, especially during the Armed Forces Festival, culminating with the Armed Forces Parade on May 18, 1991, and the Bremerton Blackberry Festival on Labor Day weekend, providing fun and entertainment for the whole family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Legislature recognize that Bremerton is indeed the number one city in our great nation, and deems it appropriate that the residents of Bremerton be so honored accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature offer its congratulations and transmit copies of this resolution to the Honorable Louis Mentor, Mayor of Bremerton, and the Honorable Bremerton City Council Members Al Colvin, Morrie Dawkins, Hank Waibel, Lon Overson, Wayne Estes, Lynn Horton, C.R. "Tiny" Collins, Spencer Horning, and Russ Johnson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That residents of the eastern shore of the Puget Sound who are interested in a new place to live will find affordable housing and business sites, beautiful surroundings, and a warm welcome in Bremerton.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4644 adopted by the House of Representatives March 18, 1991.

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Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives