

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4686, by Representatives G. Chandler, Mulliken and Hankins

WHEREAS, Grant County Fire District 5 was formed in 1949; and

WHEREAS, The first volunteer roster sent to the Board for Volunteer Firefighter in 1950 listed forty-four members; and

WHEREAS, Much of the early success of Grant County Fire District 5 was due to the active involvement of its members, both through countless hours of volunteering, as well as organizing fund-raisers within the community to help purchase much-needed equipment; and

WHEREAS, In 1955 Grant County Fire District 5 purchased two brand new Seagrave fire trucks for \$44,000 out of their total annual budget of \$54,000; and

WHEREAS, The original board of trustees were Roy Chapman, chief, George Dougherty, secretary, Jud Henderson, Bob Goodwin, and Frank Hansen; and

WHEREAS, The first battalion chiefs were Harvey Schell from Ruff, Frank Hansen from Mae Valley, and Oscar Leaf from Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Today Dan Roseburg, chairman, Jerry Jensen, and Dennis Bjork make up the district's board; and

WHEREAS, Grant County Fire District 5 has six full-time staff, twelve part-time shift duty officers and one hundred twenty-three volunteer firefighters operating out of fourteen stations with twelve fire companies; and

WHEREAS, Grant County Fire District 5 owns sixty pieces of firefighting equipment and numerous support vehicles to meet their responsibilities within the district's five hundred fifty square miles of agricultural, residential, and heavy and light industrial properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hereby recognize and honor the firefighters of Grant County Fire District 5 who have risked their lives and given their time to create an outstanding fifty-year legacy of protecting life and property in Grant County.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4686 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 21, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk