

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2000-4780, by Representatives Alexander, DeBolt, Anderson, Ballard, Ballasiotes, Barlean, Benson, Boldt, Buck, Bush, Cairnes, Campbell, Carlson, Carrell, B. Chandler, G. Chandler, Chopp, Clements, Cody, Constantine, Conway, Cooper, Cox, Crouse, Delvin, Dickerson, Doumit, Dunn, Dunshee, Edmonds, Edwards, Eickmeyer, Ericksen, Esser, Fisher, Fortunato, Gombosky, Grant, Haigh, Hankins, Hatfield, Huff, Hurst, Kagi, Kastama, Keiser, Kenney, Kessler, Koster, Lambert, Lantz, Linville, Lisk, Lovick, Mastin, McDonald, McIntire, McMorris, Mielke, Miloscia, Mitchell, Morris, Mulliken, Murray, O'Brien, Ogden, Parlette, Pennington, Pflug, Poulsen, Quall, Radcliff, Reardon, Regala, Rockefeller, Romero, Ruderman, Santos, D. Schmidt, Schindler, Schoesler, Schual-Berke, Scott, Skinner, D. Sommers, H. Sommers, Stensen, Sullivan, Sump, Talcott, Thomas, Tokuda, Van Luven, Veloria, Wensman, Wolfe, Wood and Woods

WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women who work on our public roads and highways are often at risk of harm to themselves and their coworkers with flagging which is a dangerous activity even for trained professionals; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of drivers to be more alert when driving in construction zones and to pay attention to all signs and flaggers; and

WHEREAS, On February 22, 2000, Sam E. Williams, a Washington state department of transportation worker since 1991, was killed after being struck by a car while flagging for a sign installation project on U.S. Highway 12 near Mossyrock, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Sam E. Williams was born in Chehalis, Washington and lived with his family in Morton, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Sam E. Williams was a dedicated family man who was loved by his wife and their four children, and his other family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers and will be greatly missed by them; and

WHEREAS, Sam E. Williams had a raucous sense of humor and a love for racing lawn mowers - organizing competitive lawn mower races for the Morton Loggers Jubilee for the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, Sam E. Williams was an avid guitar player and enjoyed going out country dancing with his wife and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington remember the dedicated service of Sam E. Williams and encourage all drivers to drive safely and exercise due caution when driving in or near construction zones; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Sam E. Williams' wife, Belle.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4780 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 7, 2000.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerk