

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4633, by Representatives Doumit, Hatfield, Ogden, Grant, McMorris, B. Chandler, Pflug, Pennington, Boldt, Cox, Fromhold, Keiser, Jackley, Mielke, Delvin, Lisk, Marine, Kessler, Schoesler, Buck, Anderson, Berkey and Esser

WHEREAS, The history of the Lewis and Clark expedition is an important part of the early history of the United States and an essential part of Washington State's early past; and

WHEREAS, The Lewis and Clark party arrived at the mouth of the Columbia River in November of 1805 and remained at Station Camp for ten days along its northern shore; and

WHEREAS, It is at this campsite that Captain William Clark wrote in his journal the following words, "...This I could plainly see would be the extent of our journey by water...in full view of the ocean...from Point Adams to Cape Disappointment." ; and

WHEREAS, At this same camp Sergeant Patrick Gass wrote in his journal, "We are now at the end of our voyage which has been completely accomplished according to the intention of the expedition..."; and

WHEREAS, Also at this campsite, Private Joseph Whitehouse wrote in his journal, "We are now in plain view of the Pacific Ocean...& think that we are at an end of our Voyage..."; and

WHEREAS, After the party had returned to St. Louis, Captain Lewis wrote to President Thomas Jefferson describing their successful arrival at the ocean, "Sir, It is with pleasure that announce to you the safe arrival of myself and party at 12 Oclk, today at this place with our papers and baggage. In obedience to your orders we have penetrated the Continent of North America to the Pacific Ocean..."; and

WHEREAS, The historic date that Lewis and Clark considered as marking the entire Corps of Discovery's arrival at the Pacific Ocean in 1805 can be found in their words: "On the 17th of November we reached the Ocean.";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington recognize that all these journals and letters prove that the one and only historically accurate western end of the Lewis and Clark expedition is located in Pacific County, Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington recognize the significance of Lewis and Clark to the early history of this State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this uniquely historic site, the most important historic site in the western United States, be adequately commemorated so as to guarantee its preservation, interpretation, and access by all people.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4633 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 23, 2001.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerk