

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4658, by Representatives Mulliken and G. Chandler

WHEREAS, Justice Robert T. Hunter was born in Lawton, Oklahoma on September 29, 1907, and was the son of a pioneer Lawton attorney and two-term representative for the Oklahoma Territorial Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Justice Robert T. Hunter graduated from Lawton High School in 1925 and came to the State of Washington to work for his uncle, Captain Jack Vickers, in the apple orchards in Kennewick; and

WHEREAS, While attending the University of Washington, Justice Robert T. Hunter worked his way through school and became a World Champion salesman for the Pictorial Review, selling magazine subscriptions from Alaska to the Panama Canal; and

WHEREAS, Justice Robert T. Hunter commenced the practice of law as a pioneer attorney in Grand Coulee, Washington in 1935 during the early days of the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam and was engaged in the law practice for 11 years, during which time he became the first City Attorney, serving for 10 years in that position and as Justice of the Peace for 9 years; and

WHEREAS, In October 1957, Justice Robert T. Hunter was appointed by then Governor Albert D. Rosellini to the State Supreme Court where he sat on the bench for 21 years until his retirement in 1977, serving as Chief Justice from 1969-1971; and

WHEREAS, Justice Robert T. Hunter was a President of the Superior Court Judges' Association and was Secretary of the State Judicial Council for 7 years, representing judges in a most capable and productive manner; and

WHEREAS, Justice Robert T. Hunter was a proud member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at the University of Washington where he received the distinguished Delta Beta Xi award for lifelong service to the Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rosellini said, "Justice Hunter was a very knowledgeable and good lawyer, an excellent judge, a very gregarious, friendly type of individual who always showed a lot of kindness and goodwill to everybody"; and

WHEREAS, Upon retirement, Justice Robert T. Hunter and his wife, Maureen, moved back to Ephrata in Eastern Washington where they could be close to their many friends, as well as his love for hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Justice Hunter recently passed away and is survived by his wife Maureen; three daughters, Janice, Marilynn, and Patty; son, Robert II; 10 grandchildren; and 1 great grandson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor and recognize Justice Robert T. Hunter for his selfless devotion to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and the State of Washington as well as the utmost respect for the dignity of all those they strive to protect and for being a stellar role-model to the citizens of Washington State in the daily performance of his legal and civic duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Maureen Hunter and to the Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4658 adopted by the House of Representatives
May 3, 2001.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerk