

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4661, by Representatives Van Luven, Kenney, Esser, Tokuda, Buck, Dickerson, Talcott, Gombosky, Skinner, Reardon, Ballasiotes, Dunshee, Woods, Edmonds, Schindler, Cooper, Mulliken, Haigh, Lisk, Murray, Jarrett, McIntire, Marine, Schual-Berke, Delvin, Lovick, McDermott, Kessler, Grant, Santos, Ogden, Keiser, Hunt, Simpson, Kagi, Conway, Doumit, Hatfield and Linville

WHEREAS, The year 2001 marks the 150th anniversary of the YMCA movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA has touched the lives of virtually all Americans, from pioneering camping, public libraries, night schools, group swim lessons and lifesaving, to teaching English as a second language and inventing basketball and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA is dedicated to building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA serves people of all ages, incomes, and abilities through a wide variety of programs and services designed to meet changing community needs; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA lives by its mission "To put Christian principles into practice through the programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all"; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA is an organization that incorporates the values of caring, honesty, responsibility, and respect into all of its programs; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA is an organization that is volunteer-founded, volunteer-based, and volunteer-led, and more than 20,000 citizens of Washington State see fit to provide volunteer services at their local YMCA; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA's of Washington State provide high quality, affordable childcare to more than 10,000 children each year; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA's of Washington State annually serve more than 440,000 individuals, including 245,000 youth; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA's of Washington State provide financial assistance in excess of 16 million dollars to make programs and services accessible to all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA's of Washington State annually provide teens with a safe place to go after school; provide families with a fun and affordable place to spend time together; provide seniors with social programs; and provide healthy programs and services for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, The 150th anniversary of the YMCA movement will draw special public attention to the distinguished history of the organization and to the benefits that the people of Washington State have enjoyed as a result of the proud tradition of this organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize June 2, 2001, as YMCA's 150th Anniversary Appreciation Day in Washington State and urge all citizens to join in this special observance.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4661 adopted by the House of Representatives  
May 24, 2001.