

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2002-4731, by Representatives Mielke, Boldt, Schoesler, Morell, Grant, Linville, Hatfield, Skinner and Hankins

WHEREAS, The names of Kenworth, Freightliner, and Mack are well-known and highly-respected names in the trucking industry; and

WHEREAS, Products purchased in Washington were more than likely shipped by a commercial truck; and

WHEREAS, Truck drivers in Washington provide an essential role in the economic well-being of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Driving a commercial truck is an extremely demanding job, requiring both physical strength and mental fortitude; and

WHEREAS, Commercial truck drivers must possess a strong work ethic and keen business sense; and

WHEREAS, On a daily basis, Washington trucks move an average of 525,293 tons of inbound freight and 566,966 tons of outbound freight; and

WHEREAS, Trucks transport freight for 9,310 Washington manufacturing companies; and

WHEREAS, Trucks supply the goods for 29,140 retail stores throughout Washington; and

WHEREAS, In addition to delivering produce and agriculture products to market, trucks supply goods to over 10,500 agriculture businesses in Washington; and

WHEREAS, More than 186,000 people in Washington, equaling one out of eleven workers in the state are employed by trucking-related occupations; and

WHEREAS, The total annual payroll for the trucking industry in Washington is over \$5.9 billion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State House of Representatives acknowledge and honor the women and men whose work in the trucking industry throughout Washington has contributed so much to the strength and vitality of our state and its economy, and the general well-being of our citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Washington State Trucking Associations.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
4731 Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives
March 12, 2002.

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk