

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4640, by Representatives Cooper, Sump, Berkey, Hinkle, O'Brien, Buck, Upthegrove, Pearson, Hatfield, Dunshee, Santos, McDermott, Clibborn, McIntire, Sullivan, DeBolt, Ahern, Blake, Darneille, Linville, McCoy, Rockefeller, Hunt, Haigh, Miloscia, Romero, Flannigan, Grant and Morrell

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parks Commission, as one of the state's major stewards of special state resources has, for over nine decades, protected and preserved significant natural, historical, and cultural public assets for citizens; and

WHEREAS, On March 19, 1913, Governor Ernest Lister signed into law the Washington Parks Board, which created the state parks system; and

WHEREAS, The provision of recreational and educational opportunities on these special resource lands has, through tourism, been an economic catalyst to areas of the state that benefit from this evolving economy; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parks Commission has partnered with thousands of volunteers, whose work has resulted in over 200,000 hours per year of volunteer time dedicated to the state parks system; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Parks Commission employees, who work diligently in park management, operations, construction, and maintenance, are major contributors to public service and the State Parks' success story;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington celebrate the state park system's ninetieth birthday in 2003 and recognize the outstanding benefits the park system provides to the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives joins with the Parks and Recreation Commission in enjoying the parks system and its resources and assets during the coming ten years, and looks forward to the park system's Centennial in 2013, when it will begin its second century of service to the state of Washington.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4640 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 17, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk