

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4716, by Representative Dickerson

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature recognizes the many years of service provided by Frank A. Kirk, leader and community volunteer, who passed away February 27, 2004, after a 10-year bout with prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, Over the past decade, Frank A. Kirk was a leader and advocate for prostate cancer prevention and awareness who lobbied the State and Federal Government for cancer research funding, bringing Washington State nearly a million dollars a year for Comprehensive Cancer Control, while convincing many of our own legislative members to be tested for prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, Frank A. Kirk was a member of the National Cancer Institute Advisory Committee, and one of the founders of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, serving as Vice President at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, One of Frank A. Kirk's passions was urban development, and he dedicated himself to Seattle's "Friends of P-Patch" serving as a board member, Treasurer, Vice President, and President, often making weekly deliveries to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, A volunteer in many areas, Frank A. Kirk became active in nuclear weapons issues and served as Vice Chairman of the Nuclear Awareness Group, an organization against nuclear weapons production; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Democrat, Frank A. Kirk's varied careers included teaching at Southern Illinois University, in Carbondale, Illinois during the 1960s, serving in the Navy, serving on the Carbondale City Council, acting as a consultant to the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs during the Carter administration, and serving as Legislative Aide to Seattle City Councilman Jim Street; and

WHEREAS, Frank A. Kirk also served as Director of Local Government Affairs under Illinois Governor Dan Walker before moving to the Pacific Northwest in 1977; and

WHEREAS, A person who saw himself as a world citizen, Frank A. Kirk was committed to making this world a better place for everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the service, devotion, and caring of Frank A. Kirk and extend its deepest condolences to his family and his many friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the family of Frank A. Kirk.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4716 adopted by the House of Representatives  
March 9, 2004

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk