

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2005-4610, by Representatives Sommers, Hankins, Grant, Hunt, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Buck, Buri, Campbell, Chandler, Chase, Chopp, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Cox, Crouse, Curtis, Darneille, DeBolt, Dickerson, Dunn, Dunshee, Eickmeyer, Ericks, Ericksen, Flannigan, Fromhold, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Holmquist, Hudgins, Hunter, Jarrett, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Kilmer, Kirby, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lantz, Linville, Lovick, McCoy, McCune, McDermott, McDonald, McIntire, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Murray, Newhouse, Nixon, O'Brien, Orcutt, Ormsby, Pearson, Pettigrew, Priest, Quall, Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Santos, Schindler, Schual-Berke, Sells, Serben, Shabro, Simpson, Skinner, Springer, Strow, B. Sullivan, P. Sullivan, Sump, Takko, Talcott, Tom, Upthegrove, Wallace, Walsh, Williams, Wood and Woods

WHEREAS, Dee R. Hooper started working for the State of Washington as an engineering aide with the Department of General Administration in December of 1962; and Dee Hooper was project manager for the 1976 Legislative Building Structural and Earthquake Repairs; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper was the first person to be selected to serve the House of Representatives and Senate jointly in the capacity of legislative facilities director; and

WHEREAS, In that capacity, Dee Hooper created a unique system for the planning, coordination, and completion of all House and Senate construction projects, including remodel of the House Office Building hearing rooms and member offices, the John A. Cherberg Office Building hearing rooms, the Institutions Building, the refurbishing of the media houses, and the painting of the Legislative Building for the state's centennial; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper has been an integral part of the remodel or refurbish planning for the Pritchard Library, the Mod 1 and Mod 2 buildings, the Newhouse Building member offices, the John A. Cherberg Office Building member offices, the John O'Brien Office Building hearing room upgrades, and the Legislative Building Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the decades of projects, Dee has maintained an archive of architectural and contractor-related documents related to each and every project and has become the historian emeritus of such precious documents not available anywhere else; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives and Senate have relied on Dee Hooper to act with integrity and diligence on their behalf with contractors, vendors, historical preservationists, architects, artisans, and agencies; and

WHEREAS, While maintaining a Herculean Legislative work schedule, Dee Hooper has also been an integral part of the Inaugural Ball planning committees for the last nine inaugurations; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper served as host state and staff coordinator for the national conventions of the Council on State Governments in 1978, the National Conference of State Legislatures in 1985, and the American Legislative Exchange Council in 1991; and

WHEREAS, In the face of severe damage from the 2001 Nisqually earthquake, the state and its legislature chose not just to repair the damage but to invest 118 million dollars to update the building to serve the societal and technical requirements that accompany our entry into a new century; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Building is a majestic structure of granite, sandstone, and marble, crowned with a 278-foot marble dome, one of the 10 grandest in the world; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper delayed his retirement in order to be an integral part of the renovation of the Legislative Building, a building he loves so very much, devoting countless hours of time, including evenings, weekends, and holidays, to ensure that the monumental task was completed in the allotted two and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, Under Dee Hooper's leadership, over 7,000 pieces of furniture and 3,000 boxes were moved out of and back into the Legislative Building, and over 325 work stations were relocated, all coordinated between 15 different interim locations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Dee R. Hooper be acknowledged for his superior contributions to the grace and dignity of the Washington State Capitol Campus, the same grace and dignity he brought to work each day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dee Hooper be congratulated on his retirement from over four decades of public service, and in pursuing future endeavors he is wished the very best.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4610 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 28, 2005

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk