

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4712, by Representatives Ericks, McDonald, Holmquist, Rodne, Pearson, Ericksen, Kristiansen, Ahern, Hinkle, Shabro, Schindler, Bailey, Hudgins, Blake, Kretz, Skinner, Hankins, Conway, Williams, Kessler, Kirby, Simpson, Morrell, Sells, Springer, Kilmer, McCoy, Moeller, Roberts, Hunt, Haler, Lovick, Hunter, Takko, Chase, McDermott, Appleton, Clibborn, Dunshee, Darneille, Upthegrove, Lantz, Wallace, O'Brien, Talcott, Kenney and Newhouse

WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of the people of the State of Washington are dependent upon the efforts of the women and men of local, county, and state law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Women and men in law enforcement risk their lives daily for the protection of others, often putting the safety of others above that of their own, which allows us to live in safer and healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, In the State of Washington, over the last ten years, 3,021 law enforcement officers have been assaulted in the line of duty and 17 have given their lives to protect the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers have been called to protect and serve the citizens of our community, while maintaining the highest level of integrity and honesty; and

WHEREAS, Since 9/11 law enforcement officers are not only charged with protecting the people of this state from domestic crimes, but have increased responsibility to provide protection against the threat of foreign terrorism; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of Washington thank the women and men of law enforcement for their service and excellent protection against crime and corruption, and commend them for their bravery, devotion to the rule of law, and dedication to serving the public;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor the women and men who have served and currently serve as law enforcement officers in the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transferred by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4712 adopted by the House of Representatives  
March 7, 2006

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk