

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4651, by Representatives Lias, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Upthegrove, Fey, Pollet, Moscoso, Zeiger, Tarleton, Stanford, Pedersen, Jinkins, Kagi, and Clibborn

WHEREAS, Chuck Ayers worked tirelessly for safe cycling for kids, commuters, and seniors in communities throughout Washington state; and

WHEREAS, He served as Cascade Bicycle Club's Executive Director for 15 years, leading an organization which has helped achieve significant improvements to our transportation system through policy, community organization, education, outreach, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, His education programs have touched people of all ages, from preschoolers on balance bikes, to seniors on step-through bikes; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Ayers worked with state lawmakers, local governments, and communities to draft innovative policies for better and safer roadways; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, he built a 15,000-strong community of cyclist enthusiasts and supporters and organized annual rides like Seattle-to-Portland, which has become a local phenomenon that sells out months in advance; and

WHEREAS, His work in training youth in the basics of bike riding, road safety, and community leadership promoted a new generation of bike riders and commuters across the Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, Programs and projects he sponsored, such as the Annual Commuter Challenge Program that reduced emissions by 1.5 million pounds over the month of May in 2011, developed awareness of how different modes of transportation affect our surroundings; and

WHEREAS, His leadership and the efforts of Cascade Bicycle Club have led to safer roads, more bike lanes and paths, and an increase in sidewalks around the Puget Sound area, helping support a movement of healthy, green commuters; and

WHEREAS, He has trained community leaders to advocate for and produce safer and more extensive biking infrastructure for commuters and children alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives find that Chuck Ayers' efforts in building a community around, and successfully advocating for, safer, cleaner ways of transportation for more than fifteen years, and the environmental, social, and health impacts which he contributed to deserve special recognition.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4651 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 25, 2013

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk