

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4697, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Christian, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Dahlquist, DeBolt, Dunshee, Fagan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Freeman, Goodman, Green, Gregerson, Habib, Haigh, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Holy, Hope, Hudgins, G. Hunt, S. Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Roberts, Robinson, Rodne, Ross, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Seaquist, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Stonier, Sullivan, Takko, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse served the Fourth Legislative District in the Washington State House of Representatives with distinction and honor from 1995 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse was the longest serving Republican member of the House of Representatives at the time of his departure from the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse was a trusted colleague, mentor, and friend to many in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse served as Chair, Cochair, and Ranking Member of the energy and telecommunications committees during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, During that tenure, his wisdom and calming influence helped steer our state through the upheavals in the energy market that brought havoc to other regions of the country; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse did not take up valuable time on the House floor with long-winded speeches; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse remembers what it was like for Republicans to have the majority in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse contributed to the alertness and happiness of fellow members during long floor sessions by surreptitiously distributing peanut M&Ms to the desk drawers of his neighbors on the floor; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse took extra care to not squash Representative John McCoy's mini Smart Car when parking next to him with his Ford 450, two-ton diesel truck; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse was never concerned about receiving recognition for his accomplishments in the Legislature and sought out other members to sponsor bills brought to him—even the good bills; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse showed respect to members from both sides of the aisle and always endeavored to put good policy ahead of party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crouse slipped away into well-deserved retirement with his wonderful wife, Peggy, without customary fanfare or due recognition from his colleagues in the House of Representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize Larry Crouse for his years of faithful service to the state of Washington and for representing the people of the Fourth Legislative District with integrity and honor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the honorable Larry Crouse.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4697 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 13, 2014

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk