

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4636, by Representatives Blake, Tharinger, Takko, and Van De Wege

1 WHEREAS, In the lush and temperate county of Grays Harbor, the
2 towns of Aberdeen and Hoquiam were incorporated nine days apart, on
3 May 12 and May 21 in the Year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety; and

4 WHEREAS, These cities were peopled with Native Americans whose
5 ancestors had been the first to sail the rivers and build large
6 settlements upon the shores, with Americans whose ancestors had
7 immigrated from faraway lands in the generations prior, and with new
8 Americans who had recently immigrated from faraway lands to the new
9 cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam to begin building new lives on a new
10 continent; and

11 WHEREAS, Due to their fortuitous locations in this exceptionally
12 resource rich environment at the point upon where a large river
13 transitions into an estuary bay and into an ocean, these towns
14 thrived and enjoyed wealth, peace, and comforts; and

15 WHEREAS, Aberdeen and Hoquiam have a long history of use and
16 conservation of natural resources, in particular the logging,
17 fishing, wildlife, and port activity for which they are most well
18 known today; and

19 WHEREAS, Aberdeen and Hoquiam have held up and stood against
20 threats to their existence, facing economic devastation that
21 threatened to close out their history, a fate that had befallen other
22 vanished port cities along the coast of the state of Washington, and
23 today look with hopeful eyes toward the future; and

