HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4661, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Hickel, Holy, Hudgins, S. Hunt, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kuderer, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Rossetti, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, As citizens of this country we are eternally indebted to the men and women who courageously serve in our military, who sacrifice everything in order to protect our liberties; and

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WHEREAS, The families of these service men and women also serve our country by bravely supporting their husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sisters, and brothers; and

WHEREAS, A child who loses a mother or father while that parent is serving their country is a special child who will endure deep pain throughout their lives in the absence of their mother or father; and

10 WHEREAS, These children deserve gratitude, much like the parents 11 they lost, for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Star Child Program works to recognize, support, and empower American children who have a parent who died while serving in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, The program's slogan, "Military kids serve too!" reminds people that these children deserve respect and support; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Seahawks wide receiver and Pacific Northwest native, Jermaine Kearse, created the 15 to 1: Jermaine Kearse Foundation in 2015 to support and inspire youth in military families; and

21 WHEREAS, As a former youth in a military family, Mr. Kearse 22 understands the adversity facing youth who grow up in a military 23 family; and

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1	WHEREAS, The 15 to 1: Jermaine Kearse Foundation's mission is to
2	provide access to engaging experiences that serve to ignite the
3	passions and enhance the development of youth in our military
4	communities; and
5	WHEREAS, With the support of the 15 to 1: Jermaine Kearse
6	Foundation, six Gold Star children, each with a guest of their
7	choice, were able to attend the final Seahawks home game on December
8	27, 2015; and
9	WHEREAS, Jermaine Kearse was the Seahawks' nominee for the 2015
10	Salute to Service Award, which is presented by the NFL and USAA to a
11	league member who demonstrates an exemplary commitment to honoring
12	and supporting the military community;
13	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
14	recognize the 15 to 1: Jermaine Kearse Foundation, thanks to whom the
15	state of Washington is able to honor the service of military
16	children; and
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
18	immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
19	Representatives to the 15 to 1: Jermaine Kearse Foundation and the
20	Gold Star Children.
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22	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
23	Resolution 4661 adopted by the House of Representatives
24	February 12, 2016
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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk

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