HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4652, by Representatives Maycumber and Kretz

WHEREAS, From as young as three years old Rocksie began competing in rodeos, where she quickly excelled and showcased her prowess; and

WHEREAS, Most nine year olds are starting their second semester of fourth grade, Rocksie is busy claiming the Indian National Finals Rodeo, Ladies World Barrel Racer title; and

WHEREAS, Her mother Ashley, father Justus, two sisters Hartlyn and Gracyn, and the entire community of the Colville Indian Reservation are so proud of her; and

WHEREAS, Rocksie's connection with her horse Roo may remind all of us that trust and love are the foundations of every winning relationship; and

WHEREAS, Rocksie's patience, determination, and grit enabled her to complete such a monumental feat, she has remained humble throughout the ride; and

WHEREAS, Rocksie may be underestimated by some, the expectations she has of herself and Roo exemplify the self-confidence we all strive to possess; and

WHEREAS, Rocksie may be light as a feather, her will is as strong as Roo's legs; and

WHEREAS, Roo may carry Rocksie at blistering speeds in the arena, their community will carry them in spirit across the country to Arlington, Texas for the American Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, There will be many expectations of Rocksie and Roo in Texas, the two will find comfort in the love they have for each other; and

WHEREAS, Rocksie may be reluctant to speak in front of her classmates, she will shine under the big lights in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Everything is bigger in Texas, this year's winner of the American Rodeo barrel racing competition may be the smallest ever;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor Rocksie Marchand for her inspiring character from which everyone can learn and her remarkable accomplishments so few have achieved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Rocksie Marchand.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of

Resolution 4652 adopted by the House of Representatives

January 12, 2018

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk