

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4636, by Representatives Hayes and Lovick

1 WHEREAS, Pat Slack was born in Tacoma in 1946, but moved to
2 Snohomish at the age of 11 where he eventually attended Snohomish
3 High School; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1965, Pat was drafted into the U.S. Army where he
5 served one year in Vietnam and received the Bronze Star Medal with a
6 "V" device, which is only awarded for acts of valor in combat; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1969, Pat joined the Snohomish County Sheriff's
8 Office where he held several positions including: Jail Deputy;
9 Traffic Deputy; Road Deputy, including a period when he was the only
10 deputy on duty in the entire county between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.;
11 Detective, where he was assigned to a variety of units, including
12 Narcotics, Auto Theft, and Major Crimes/Homicide; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1981, Pat started the Sheriff's Office Marine Unit
14 and in 1988 he was named Deputy of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, In total, Pat received over 90 commendations from the
16 Sheriff's Office, including one for heroism after his extraordinary
17 efforts to save two drowning victims on the Sultan River at high risk
18 to his own life; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1995, Pat accepted the position of Deputy Chief of
20 Operations and Investigations with the Everett Police Department
21 where he received a Distinguished Service Award for planning,
22 administering, and coordinating a Domestic Violence and Sexual
23 Assault Unit at the Everett Police Department; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2000, Pat returned to the Snohomish County Sheriff's
2 Office as Commander of the Snohomish County Narcotics Task Force, now
3 called the Snohomish Regional Drug and Gang Task Force; and

4 WHEREAS, Commander Slack has led the Task Force with vision and
5 determination; his many accomplishments include: Working to get
6 pseudoephedrine removed from open shelves in stores and placed behind
7 counters during the methamphetamine crisis of the early
8 2000s; partnering with Washington Attorney General Rob McKenna in
9 support of a statewide prescription monitoring program; facilitating
10 the carrying of Naloxone by first responders to reduce the number of
11 fatalities caused by opioid drug overdoses; creating Project 99 by
12 collaborating with social workers, health workers, code enforcement
13 officers, and others to help people get off drugs and clean up
14 problem properties; and launching a web site focused on educating the
15 public and providing an avenue to share information on drug activity;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Under Commander Slack's leadership, the Snohomish
18 Regional Drug and Gang Task Force received numerous awards including:
19 Being named Agency of the Year in 2001 and 2005 by the Western States
20 Information Network, which shares information and coordinates efforts
21 to combat criminal networks such as drug trafficking; being
22 recognized for "outstanding contributions in the field of drug law
23 enforcement" in 2005 by the United States Drug Enforcement
24 Administration; receiving a Letter of Commendation from the Sheriff's
25 Office in 2013 for their work on Project 99 thanking the Task Force
26 for "creating an innovative approach to solving a community problem
27 and for proactively finding ways to make Snohomish County a better
28 place"; and receiving an award for Outstanding Investigative Effort
29 from the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) in
30 2014; and

31 WHEREAS, Pat Slack embodies the highest traditions of law
32 enforcement and, throughout his career, Pat has exhibited crime-
33 fighting initiative and tenacity coupled with a unique sense of
34 compassion for those who need a helping hand;

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
36 honor Pat Slack and recognize his nearly five decades of exemplary
37 service to the people of Snohomish County.

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