HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4637, by Representatives Leavitt, Taylor, Robertson, J. Johnson, Bronoske, Jacobsen, MacEwen, Ryu, Walen, Slatter, Goehner, Ramel, Orwall, Young, Wylie, and Dolan

- 1 WHEREAS, Dr. John Utendale broke barriers throughout his life, 2 first in professional hockey, and then in higher education in 3 Washington state; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Utendale was the first black man to sign an NHL contract, and played for years for a number of teams such as the Quebec Aces and the Edmonton Flyers; and
- WHEREAS, During his playing days, he began his studies and earned his teaching certificate, later teaching junior high math, science, and physical education; and
- WHEREAS, While playing full time for the Spokane Jets, Dr.
 Utendale earned his master's degree from Eastern Washington
 University; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Washington State University recruited Dr. Utendale to 14 serve as Assistant Dean of Students, and during his time there he 15 earned his doctorate in education while teaching, coaching Little 16 League Baseball, and serving on the Washington State Human Rights 17 Commission; and
- 18 WHEREAS, He then joined Western Washington University as its 19 first black faculty member of the College of Education, leading the 20 university's Student Personnel Administration graduate program for 21 more than 25 years as well as serving other roles such as head of the 22 Higher Education Administration; and

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1	WHEREAS, Dr. Utendale helped create the Bellingham Area Minor
2	Hockey Association, coached the WWU Vikings hockey club, and served
3	as an assistant training coach to the United States Olympic hockey
4	team that won gold at the Lake Placid Olympics; and
5	WHEREAS, Dr. Utendale died of cancer in 2006, but his life serves
6	as an example of how one person can make a difference in many areas
7	including as a teacher, coach, mentor, and trailblazer;
8	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
9	honor the life and legacy of Dr. John Utendale; and
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
11	immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
12	Representatives to the family of Dr. John Utendale.
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14	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
15	Resolution 4637 adopted by the House of Representatives
16	January 28, 2022
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22	Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk

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