HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4644, by Representatives Jinkins, Wilcox, Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cheney, Chopp, Christian, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hansen, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, and Ybarra

WHEREAS, In 1973, the Office of Program Research was founded to provide nonpartisan legislative services to all members of the Washington State House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Program Research provides a multitude of essential services throughout the legislative process, including performing fiscal, policy, and legal research and analysis; drafting bills, amendments, and budgets; crafting bill analyses and bill reports; providing briefings and other presentations; and supporting official committee activities; and

WHEREAS, The foundational tenet of the Office of Program Research is to provide excellent service to legislators in a confidential and nonpartisan manner while at all times maintaining the trust of all members of the House of Representatives, regardless of political affiliation; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Program Research is distinguished by the exceptional teamwork, subject-matter expertise, and institutional knowledge of its dedicated analysts, attorneys, and committee assistants; and

WHEREAS, Office of Program Research staff members demonstrate their extraordinary skill and dedication by working long hours and reliably producing top-quality work for members of the House of Representatives and the people of the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the Office of Program Research on its 50th anniversary and the members express their gratitude to its staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the staff of the Office of Program Research.