

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4638, by Representatives Corry, Ormsby, Riccelli, Schmick, Dye, Graham, Schmidt, Sandlin, Christian, Chandler, Ybarra, Dent, and Barnard

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives, on behalf of the people,
2 recognize and honor the life and achievements of William D. "Bill"
3 Hyslop, a Spokane native who served twice as United States Attorney
4 for Eastern Washington; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill was born on March 22, 1951, the son of Thomas and
6 Catherine Hyslop; and

7 WHEREAS, Bill graduated from Shadle Park High School, later
8 attending Washington State University, graduating in 1973, and then
9 earning his law degree from Gonzaga University in 1980. He was a
10 lifelong Cougar fan and president of the WSU Alumni Association; and

11 WHEREAS, Bill practiced law with great distinction in Spokane for
12 more than 40 years, with the firm of Lukins & Annis; and

13 WHEREAS, Bill was appointed to serve as United States Attorney
14 for the Eastern District of Washington by President George H. W.
15 Bush, serving from 1991 to 1993, and then was appointed a second time
16 when President Donald Trump named him to the post from 2019 to 2021;
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18 WHEREAS, Bill was actively engaged in the civic process. He spent
19 countless hours working for improvements in education on the federal
20 and state level; and

21 WHEREAS, Bill earnestly believed that everyone should have equal
22 access to the justice system, and that access to justice was a
23 nonpartisan issue of concern for all human beings. He served on the

1 board of Legal Foundation of Washington — which promotes
2 accessibility to the judicial system and legal services for low-
3 income individuals; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill served as chair of the Council on Public Defense,
5 calling for a rule change to the Washington State Supreme Court to
6 impose caseload standards for public defenders — putting Washington
7 state at the forefront of ensuring criminal justice defendants
8 receive fair representation; and

9 WHEREAS, Bill dedicated decades of service to local and state bar
10 associations, including the Board of Governors, receiving the
11 Smithmoore P. Myers Professionalism Award in 2008, an honor only
12 bestowed upon those who exhibit the utmost integrity in the legal
13 profession; Bill was honored to serve as the Spokane County Bar
14 President in 1999 and the President of the Washington State Bar
15 Association in 2015. His service was always achieved with grace,
16 dignity, and honor; and

17 WHEREAS, Bill loved Spokane and Washington state, contributing
18 countless hours to several community efforts, including the arena
19 replacement, and the Spokane Public Schools capital improvement
20 campaign, remaining active in his community even after his
21 retirement; and

22 WHEREAS, Bill was a proud supporter of local law enforcement and
23 a passionate advocate for opioid fentanyl awareness in Eastern
24 Washington, helping found the Spokane Alliance for Fentanyl
25 Education; and

26 WHEREAS, Bill expressed a deep-seated thankfulness and gratitude
27 for life. He was a steadfast family man who took great delight in
28 spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren; and

29 WHEREAS, Bill died unexpectedly on Sunday, September 11, 2022;
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31 WHEREAS, Bill humbly served others throughout his life as a
32 beloved family member, loyal friend, and dedicated public servant;
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34 WHEREAS, Bill leaves behind his wife, Deborah, and children
35 Jeffrey and Kathleen, as well as three grandchildren, who all adored
36 him;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of
2 Representatives, on behalf of the people of the State of Washington,
3 recognize and honor the life and work of William D. "Bill" Hyslop;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
6 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives and to William "Bill" Hyslop's family.

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9 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
10 Resolution 4638 adopted by the House of Representatives
11 April 7, 2023
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk