

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4658, by Representative Schmick

1 WHEREAS, After serving as mayor of Pullman for 20 years, Glenn
2 Johnson has retired from city hall; and

3 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson moved to Pullman in 1979 from Sacramento,
4 California, to teach at Washington State University Edward R. Murrow
5 college of communication, and became very involved with various
6 organizations, which included volunteering at Pullman regional
7 hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, As mayor, he helped with the initiation of project
9 downtown, a city-led revitalization project to upgrade Main Street's
10 utilities, roads, sidewalks, and public spaces; and

11 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson is not just known for being the Pullman
12 mayor and a distinguished professor at Washington State University
13 for 35 years, but for being the "voice of the Cougs" as the public-
14 address announcer at Washington State University sporting events for
15 more than 40 years; and

16 WHEREAS, His catchphrase at Washington State University home
17 football games "and that's another Cougar first down!" became so
18 popular that Cougar fans routinely said it in unison; and

19 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson also is a trustee of the community
20 colleges of Spokane; and

21 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson is a recipient of the Honorary Alumnus
22 award, which is considered the highest honor from the Washington
23 State University alumni association for non-alumni friends who have

1 given special service to the university, and appropriately was
2 presented with that honor while announcing at a Cougar basketball
3 game; and

4 WHEREAS, The Washington State University foundation presented him
5 with its outstanding service award in 2013, while the Pullman chamber
6 of commerce has honored him with the Marshall A. Neill community
7 service award in 2001 and as member of the year in 1997; and

8 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson in 2008 received the 2008 Edward L. Bliss
9 award for distinguished broadcast journalism education, which honors
10 an electronic journalism educator who has made a significant and
11 lasting contribution to the field in the areas of teaching, service,
12 and scholarship; and

13 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson has been a selfless leader who always
14 dedicated his success to the people around him;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
16 of Representatives honor and congratulate Glenn Johnson not only for
17 serving two decades as Pullman mayor, but also for his ongoing
18 service as the voice of the Cougars. Go Cougs!; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
20 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk to Glenn Johnson.

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22 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
23 Resolution 4658 adopted by the House of Representatives
24 January 19, 2024

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk