HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4690, by Representatives Ogden, Wood, Pruitt, Riley, Roland, Morris, Franklin, Casada, Forner, Moyer, Hochstatter, Rust, Prentice, Jacobsen, Anderson, Appelwick, Ballard, Basich, Beck, Belcher, Betrozoff, Bowman, Braddock, Bray, Brekke, Broback, Brough, Brumsickle, Cantwell, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Day, Dellwo, Dorn, Ebersole, Edmondson, Ferguson, G. Fisher, R. Fisher, Fraser, Fuhrman, Grant, Hargrove, Haugen, Heavey, Hine, Holland, Horn, Inslee, P. Johnson, R. Johnson, Jones, J. King, R. King, Kremen, Leonard, Lisk, Locke, Ludwig, May, McLean, R. Meyers, Mielke, Miller, Mitchell, Morton, H. Myers, Nealey, Neher, Nelson, O'Brien, Orr, Padden, Paris, Peery, Phillips, Prince, Rasmussen, Rayburn, Schmidt, Scott, Sheldon, Silver, D. Sommers, H. Sommers, Spanel, Sprenkle, Tate, Valle, Vance, Van Luven, Wang, Wilson, Wineberry, Winsley, Wynne and Zellinsky

WHEREAS, Fifty-six percent of the adults in the State of Washington unselfishly volunteer an average of at least two hours of their time each week to improve the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of volunteers of all ages and all walks of life contribute their skills, resources, and energy free of charge in medical, religious, cultural, environmental, and other areas of service throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers are essential partners with government and industry in providing services; and

WHEREAS, Our education system benefits from volunteers who tutor, monitor, and contribute many other services to enhance the learning environment for students of all ages, especially our young people; and

WHEREAS, In health care and other social and human services, volunteers provide important and compassionate assistance as crisis intervention counselors, candy stripers, foster parents, and community food bank workers, and in a multitude of other ways; and

WHEREAS, In the libraries and museums of our state, volunteers are involved at all levels to assure responsive, enlightened services, displays, and collections, and our programs of dance, music, and art rely heavily on volunteer labor, fund raising, and management; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers across the state have dedicated themselves to protecting and enhancing our environment and natural resources, with volunteer services enabling state and local parks and recreation districts to enrich the lives of millions at very low cost; and

WHEREAS, Senior citizens who contribute their talents, experience, and skills in volunteer efforts are giving a special gift to the people of this state by providing a vital link between generations; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that citizens take active roles in their communities so that problems are addressed effectively, communities prosper, and all people, including families and children in difficult circumstances, are afforded lives of quality; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers who give of their time and of themselves to improve the quality of life of others set an example for us all and deserve special recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare April 21-27, 1991, to be Volunteer Recognition Week in the State of Washington, and encourage all citizens to take note of the efforts of volunteers and offer appropriate thanks for a remarkable job well done.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives