

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92-4778, by Representatives Valle, Heavey, Brough, Carlson, Hine, G. Fisher, Wineberry, Mitchell, Kremen, Prentice, O'Brien, Brekke, Locke, Haugen, Scott, Nelson, Leonard, Anderson, Jacobsen and Pruitt

WHEREAS, The people of Burien have voted overwhelmingly to incorporate their community and create a city of 27,700 residents. Burien is now the twenty-second largest city in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The move to incorporate will help retain the identity of the community of Burien, preventing the community from being carved up and divided between other cities or being swallowed up by King County; and

WHEREAS, Community identity is increasingly important for responsive local government as well as a sense of well-being and a feeling of mutual interest and interdependence; and

WHEREAS, The people of Burien are living under the threat of the expansion of Sea-Tac Airport and the construction of cross-Sound bridges from Seahurst near Burien to Vashon Island. Either project could have deleterious impacts on the quality of life for the residents of Burien; and

WHEREAS, The creation of a city that is more responsive to the concerns of residents who would be seriously affected by such huge projects with undesirable local impacts may be the best strategy for getting a full and fair hearing of those concerns by the decision-makers involved with these proposals; and

WHEREAS, The long-running struggle to incorporate in Burien, an effort which has seen four setbacks at the polls, has finally been successful and has shown the vision and dedication of the local leadership; and

WHEREAS, There is every reason to expect that better government services and a stronger sense of community will combine to produce a brighter future and an improved quality of life for Burien residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington welcome the city of Burien to the ranks of incorporated cities of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That its residents be recognized as a part of the newest city in Washington.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4778 adopted by the House of Representatives

March 12, 1992

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk