

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93-4647, by Representatives Schmidt, R. Fisher, Wood, Zellinsky, Brumsickle, Roland, Foreman, Heavey, Brough, Karahalios, Padden, Hansen, Chandler, J. Kohl, Casada, Orr, Talcott, G. Fisher, Reams, Appelwick, Sheahan, Rayburn, Horn, H. Myers, Thomas, Pruitt, Forner, Scott, Silver, Grant, Morton, Jones, Fuhrman, Romero, Edmondson, Vance, Miller, Cothorn, Ballard, Tate, Ballasiotes, Sehlin, Lisk, Van Luven, R. Meyers, Kremen and Cooke

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson has proudly, effectively, competently, and faithfully served the people of the state of Washington for the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson proved his dedication and competence in various capacities as a businessman and public servant; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson has served as secretary of transportation for the state of Washington for the past 12 years, from 1981 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson has successfully led the Department of Transportation which is responsible for the state's 7,000 miles of highway, the nation's largest ferry system, and the state's Aeronautics Division; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served 18 years as a member of the House of Representatives from the 40th Legislative District from 1963 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson successfully operated as broker/dealer of securities as the principal of Duane Berentson Investments; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as a dedicated and committed teacher and an athletic coach in the Burlington/Edison and Mt. Baker school districts for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served on the regional board of the National Board of the National Association of Securities Dealers; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as past president of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as former trustee of Luther Child Care; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as a past member of the Pacific Lutheran University Alumni Board; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served on the University of Washington Visiting Committee; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Transportation of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as past chairman of the Standing Committee on Administration of the American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson is a member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Executive Committee and 2020 Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as a past member of the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee and the Strategic Transportation Research Study Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as chairman of the Washington State Transportation Research Center Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as president of the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials from 1984 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served as chairman of the standing committee on Administration of the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials from 1982 to 1983; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served on the Management Institute Selection Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson served on the original Strategic Highway Research Program Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson, with an extensive business and political background, was the first nonengineer to head the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, As Secretary of Transportation he has managed a \$2.5 billion, two-year budget and has created a supportive work atmosphere for the department's 6,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, He provided the needed leadership and vision to revive and complete the I-90 project, in spite of 20 years of community discontent and environmental litigation; and

WHEREAS, He has helped lead the fight against traffic congestion in our urban areas by developing programs to get people out of their single-occupant vehicles and into buses, vanpools, or ride-sharing programs; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the House of Representatives he served as cospeaker, minority leader, Transportation Committee chairman, Legislative Transportation Committee secretary, Rules Committee chairman, and Washington state representative to the Western Conference of State Governments; and

WHEREAS, Through his leadership, the Department of Transportation is well positioned to meet the challenges of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, Duane Berentson will retire upon the conclusion of the 1993 legislative session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize and express its appreciation to Duane Berentson for his honorable service to the people of the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize, praise, and honor Duane Berentson, Secretary of Transportation, for his far reaching contributions in helping to meet the present transportation challenges of the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives immediately transmit copies of this resolution to Duane Berentson.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4647 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 23, 1993.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk