

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4711, by Representatives Conway, Wood, McIntire, Hurst, Clements, B. Chandler, McMorris and Lisk

WHEREAS, Mr. Graeme Sackrison will be retiring from the Employment Security Department where he has worked since July 15, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sackrison was born in Columbus, Ohio, on November 25, 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sackrison's family eventually settled in Lacey, Washington, when he was in grade school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sackrison attended North Thurston High School, Centralia College, and Western Washington State College where he graduated with a degree in economics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sackrison served in the Air Force for almost four years; and

WHEREAS, The Employment Security Department is the only state agency Mr. Sackrison has worked for since beginning in 1971; and

WHEREAS, A majority of that time has been with the Unemployment Insurance Division where Mr. Sackrison's knowledge of the unemployment insurance laws and programs is equaled by none; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sackrison demonstrated a superlative ability to explain complex issues, such as unemployment insurance conformity law changes, in a language easily understood by all; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sackrison currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Employment Security Credit Union which is a position he has held since 1986, when he was first elected; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sackrison also serves on the Lacey City Council, a position he was appointed to on May 8, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sackrison is involved in the Mutual Aid Foundation, formed by Employment Security Department Staff, which helps fellow workers in need and Mr. Sackrison also leads the Employment Security Department's Wellness Committee which addresses all aspects of keeping staff healthy on and off the job; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sackrison takes with him, as he leaves the Employment Security Department, an invaluable ability to bring compromise to complex issues while maintaining the highest integrity, and his personal commitment to high standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor Mr. Graeme Sackrison for the numerous contributions he has made throughout the years and his excellent record of service to this state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Mr. Sackrison.

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