<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4616</u>, by Representatives Veloria, Skinner, Hankins, Talcott and Conway

WHEREAS, Washington is located in the center of today's global economy; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to a broad range of diverse industries; and

WHEREAS, Washington is one of the most livable states in the country; and

WHEREAS, Washington benefits from a highly skilled work force; and

WHEREAS, Washington is first in the nation in the creation of new companies; and

WHEREAS, Washington is first in the nation in digital infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Washington is second in the nation for new company job growth; and

WHEREAS, Washington is third in the nation for small business survival; and

WHEREAS, Washington is fourth in the nation for research and development; and

WHEREAS, Washington is one of the most important food producing states in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Washington is the third largest exporter of food and agricultural products in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Washington helps feed the world, exporting over thirty percent of its crops; and

WHEREAS, The Washington wine industry has been recognized as the wine growing region of the world in 2001 and is consistently one of the highest ranked producers of premium wine in the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives recognize the broad and diverse businesses in the State of Washington for their entrepreneurial spirit which has helped to make Washington a great place to live and work.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4616 adopted by the House of Representatives February 10, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk