## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4677, by Representatives Ormsby and Mastin

WHEREAS, The people of the State of Washington celebrate CHILDREN as shining beacons of light and hope in our communities; and

WHEREAS, The CHILDREN are the future of Washington State and should be encouraged to reach for the stars so that they may become all that they aspire to be; and

WHEREAS, The CHILDREN of the State of Washington should be nurtured and given a positive environment that can help strengthen their talents, minds, and character; and

WHEREAS, The CHILDREN of the State of Washington should know that their ideas and dreams are valued and respected because we take time to listen to, support, and encourage them; and

WHEREAS, It is our duty and privilege to instill in CHILDREN the hope, charity, integrity, and commitment to community they need to further the ideals of equality, justice, freedom, peace, and prosperity our nation was founded upon; and

WHEREAS, All the citizens of the State of Washington should help our CHILDREN by setting positive examples of what it means to be good neighbors, responsible community members, and helpful friends; and

WHEREAS, The CHILDREN of the State of Washington should be able to enjoy healthy lives, quality education, and future careers; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives welcome CHILDREN to the Chamber in celebration of Children's Day every year so they may witness firsthand the legislative process and perhaps one day become involved in state government; and

WHEREAS, The state has designated the second Sunday in October to commemorate the CHILDREN of the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all citizens of Washington to celebrate CHILDREN on Children's Day and throughout the year by spending more quality time with CHILDREN and emphasizing their special place in our lives and in our shared futures.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4677 adopted by the House of Representatives January 19, 2004

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk