

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2007-4623, by Representatives Moeller, Kirby, Hunt, Curtis, Fromhold, Kelley, Roberts, Clibborn, Kenney, Morrell, Goodman, Appleton, Cody, VanDeWege, Schual-Berke, Simpson, Blake, Pettigrew, Takko, McCoy, Morris, Chopp, Lovick, Ormsby, Barlow, Grant, Lantz, Campbell, Dunshee, Sommers, Ericks, Eddy, B. Sullivan, Miloscia, Williams, Darneille, McIntire, Hudgins, Rolfes, Hasegawa, Chase, McDermott, P. Sullivan, Wallace, Seaquist, Pedersen, Kagi, O'Brien, Pearson, Chandler, Condotta, Newhouse, Anderson, Bailey, Orcutt, Dunn, Kretz, Haler, Ahern, Walsh, Rodne, Strow, McCune, Ross, Hankins and Skinner

WHEREAS, January 23, 2007, marks the sesquicentennial of the City of Vancouver, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Vancouver has played a prominent role in the history of the State with notable events including the founding of Fort Vancouver in 1825, which served as the capital of the Hudson's Bay Company's Northwest fur trading empire; the first military post in the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver Barracks, which served as the headquarters of the United States military for the region, being home to Officers Row; the first "neighborhood" in the Pacific Northwest; serving as the landing site, at Pearson Airfield, of the first transpolar flight; and the location of the Kaiser Shipyards, begun in 1942, to support the World War II efforts; and

WHEREAS, Through Vancouver Barracks, the City has been home to some of the most notable figures in military history including General George C. Marshall, General Ulysses S. Grant, and General Oliver Otis Howard; and

WHEREAS, America's Vancouver has been, in the past, and continues to be, a forward thinking, innovative community that was home to the first street lights and telephones in the Northwest, the first county library system in the State, the location of the first Hilton hotel in the world with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification, and whose award-winning trails system has helped earn it a designation as one of the most walkable cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Vancouver is currently the 4th largest city in the State and serves as a social and economic hub for Southwest Washington; and

WHEREAS, The City of Vancouver plans a yearlong series of events to celebrate its 150th anniversary kicked off by the Mayor's State of the City address on January 23rd and including a community picnic, a citywide bike ride with the Mayor, and a special 150th exhibit at the Clark County Historic Museum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington congratulate America's Vancouver on reaching its 150th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the City of Vancouver.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4623 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 26, 2007

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk