

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2007-4644, by Representatives Kagi, Dickerson, Simpson, Sells, B. Sullivan, O'Brien, Moeller, Morrell, Takko, Ericks, Hunt, McDermott, Goodman, Appleton, Conway, Chase, Eickmeyer, Lantz, McIntire, VanDeWege, Springer, Green, Haler, Dunn, Kirby, Eddy, Roberts, Miloscia, Quall, Hinkle, McCoy, Williams, Blake, Dunshee, Kelley and Hunter

WHEREAS, There are 8,000 children in foster care on any given day in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The basic, medical, and therapeutic needs of foster children are provided by the budget of the children's administration of the department of social and health services; and

WHEREAS, Their normal childhood needs and desires for extracurricular activities, like team sports, music, and art lessons, field trips and summer camp, and tangible needs like ASB cards, school yearbooks, and prom tickets have no public funding source; and

WHEREAS, Social science research and common sense dictate that these experiences are important to successful growth and development and can reduce the negative effects of abuse and neglect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the importance of supporting foster children and their participation in extracurricular activities not paid for by the state, and proudly sponsor the June Leonard Memorial Golf Tournament.