

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4693, by Representatives Skinner, Lantz, Upthegrove, Lias, Jarrett, Ross, Kenney, Warnick, and Newhouse

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has been a resident of Yakima for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has played a major role in building a stronger and more unified community in Yakima; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has been the executive director of Allied Arts of Yakima Valley for over 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has researched, contracted, promoted, and coordinated up to ten live, affordable Family Theatre Series performances; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has been instrumental in bringing theater programs to the lower Yakima Valley; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has coordinated the first Juried Poetry Contest, and Reading and Coffeehouse, allowing local voices to be heard, read, and recognized; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has expanded components in the last 13 years including: ArtsVan Arts in Education, Summer ArtsVan, the One-on-One program, and ArtsVan Music Program; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has created the artist in residency; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has brought the diverse population of Yakima together through Allied Arts with such projects as the Mariachi Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller is the founder of the Millennium Arts Plaza in Yakima Valley, an arts-based community gathering place; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller creation has made the plaza a symbol for what is possible for the future, by using the arts as a catalyst for development; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller was involved in special events that focused on providing new, entry level experiences for the community of Yakima at-large; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller wrote grants, gained local individuals' support, and collaborated with other agencies to fund programs; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has been awarded the YWCA Woman of Achievement in The Arts for Allied Arts Director in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for Allied Arts in May 2005 by Dr. Terry Bergeson, state superintendent of public instruction; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Herres Miller is a recipient of the Governor's Arts Award in 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor the dedication of Elizabeth Herres Miller, and celebrate Elizabeth Herres Miller's contribution and commitment to making Washington a better place for all Washingtonians; and

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

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4693 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 14, 2008

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk