

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4672, by Representatives Kenney, Chopp, Hunt, Conway, Santos, Pettigrew, Hasegawa, Haigh, Dickerson, Lias, Springer, Morrell, Goodman, Wood, Driscoll, Blake, Clibborn, Nelson, Quall, Pedersen, Sells, Maxwell, Darneille, Simpson, Van De Wege, Orwall, Hunter, McCoy, Ormsby, Carlyle, Kelley, Appleton, O'Brien, Takko, Sullivan, Roberts, Dunshee, Hudgins, Probst, Chase, Eddy, Williams, Green, Seaquist, Finn, Moeller, White, Cody, Upthegrove, Kagi, Rolfes, Jacks, Ericks, Morris, Miloscia, Kessler, Flannigan, and Campbell

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of advocacy and endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva has exhibited true excellence throughout his personal, professional, and public life, through his lengthy years of service; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva was born in Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico and moved to Texas, Ohio, Oregon, Idaho, and Arizona and settled in Toppenish, Washington with his family in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva married his friend and confidant, Hortencia Villanueva, in 1969, and together, they were blessed with seven children; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva began his work in manual field labor, but soon emerged as a community leader, peacefully advocating for farm workers rights and equal protection alongside César Chávez; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva is credited with helping to start the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, which works to improve the life of farm workers and the underserved, to strengthen their health and that of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva has had a passion for promoting elementary and higher education and schools for all, focusing in on the children of low-income and farm-working families; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva worked as a community liaison for the State's Department of Social and Health Services from 1994 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva served as President of the United Farm Workers of Washington from 1992 through 1996, and has further held numerous positions on committees and boards since the late 1960's; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva is an ideal citizen of the State of Washington, for he has shown that it is possible to be passionate for a cause, and to find solutions and agreements without ever ignoring professional etiquette, or using violence and anger; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva has performed his work as an activist solely as a volunteer, and never for personal or monetary gain; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva has been and continues to be a champion for Human Rights, Labor Rights, Migrant Farm Workers Rights, Education Rights, and Child Labor Laws and a passionate and dedicated citizen to the cause of equality; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Villanueva has been and continues to be a bright minded and tender hearted individual, who has inspired many to stand up for what is fair and right, and speaks passionately for the equality and protection of others, and in doing so he has inspired laws to be passed and people to unite to replace greed, prejudice, and injustice, with acts of kindness, humility, and grace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor Tomás Villanueva for his numerous years of dedicated service, his personal and professional integrity, and his dedication and faithfulness to the values of freedoms and rights for which he as so assiduously worked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Tomás Villanueva.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4672 adopted by the House of Representatives

February 22, 2010

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk