HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4636, by Representatives Kenney, Finn, Smith, Probst, Billig, Angel, Appleton, Asay, Bailey, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Clibborn, Cody, Dahlquist, Dammeier, Darneille, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eddy, Fitzgibbon, Frockt, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hargrove, Hasegawa, Hope, Hudgins, Hunt, Hurst, Jacks, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kelley, Kirby, Klippert, Ladenburg, Liias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Orcutt, Ormsby, Pearson, Pedersen, Reykdal, Rivers, Roberts, Rolfes, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Seaquist, Sells, Short, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Tharinger, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, 100 years ago, the Washington state legislature passed the Washington public port district act; and

WHEREAS, Washington's public port districts are local governments run by citizen-elected port commissioners and bring the benefits of seaports, airports, harbors, and marinas critical to our state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Public port districts are the economic engine for communities across Washington, annually providing hundreds of thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, Washington's public port districts are optimally located to successfully engage in international trade, importing and exporting products that support our local and global businesses; and

WHEREAS, Washington Public Ports Day is a public event cosponsored by all 75 public port districts and the Washington public ports association; and

WHEREAS, Christine Ö. Gregoire, governor of the state of Washington, proclaimed March 14, 2011, as Washington Public Ports Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the ports of the state of Washington for providing a means to export Washington products worldwide, receiving goods, providing services, and creating jobs for thousands of Washingtonians.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4636 adopted by the House of Representatives March 9, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk