

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4678, by Representatives McCoy, Sells, and Carlyle

WHEREAS, The one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of one of Washington's most revered and favorite sons, Henry Martin Jackson, on May 31, 2012, will be celebrated by friends and well-wishers in Everett and other Snohomish County communities, and in other towns and neighborhoods throughout his beloved state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The centennial of the birth of this great patriot and public servant, United States Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson, should be honored by true friends of human rights and democracy nationwide and all across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Congressman and later Senator Scoop Jackson, in more than four decades of unswerving public service, until taken from family and country by his untimely death on September 1, 1983, established a steady and respected grasp of subjects ranging from public lands and other environmental issues, to hydroelectric power and other energy concerns, to national security and other public safety matters; and

WHEREAS, Scoop Jackson, born in the Everett home of his Norwegian immigrant parents, Peter and Marine Jackson, was elected Snohomish County prosecuting attorney in 1938, at the age of twenty-six, just two years after he graduated from the University of Washington School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Earning a strong reputation as a dedicated foe and prosecutor of illegal gambling and bootlegging, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives, for the Evergreen State's Second District, in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Scoop Jackson was reelected five times to his congressional seat, won election to the United States Senate in 1952, and was reelected five times to his Senate seat; and

WHEREAS, An "environmentalist" many years before the word became part of the American lexicon, Scoop Jackson wrote the groundbreaking National Environmental Policy Act, and championed legislation preserving such enormous and unspoiled Washington treasures as North Cascades National Park and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness; and

WHEREAS, Scoop Jackson sponsored the Endangered American Wilderness Act, the Redwood National Park Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Federal Lands for Parks and Recreation Act, the Youth Conservation Corps Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Trail System Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, and the National Wilderness Act; and

WHEREAS, He also sponsored legislation establishing the Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, which was later named in his honor, to work toward medical and other scientific programs and advancement that help members of the armed forces and civilians alike; and

WHEREAS, Henry M. and Helen Jackson raised two children, Anna Marie Jackson Laurence and Peter Jackson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington join in celebrating the centennial of the birth of Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the faithful citizens working diligently on the Scoop Centennial Committee, to Henry M. Jackson High School in Mill Creek, and to the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington in Seattle.