

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4636, by Representatives Jinkins, Short, Kretz, Cody, Kagi, and Morrell

WHEREAS, Mary C. Selecky began her distinguished public health career as the Administrator of the Northeast Tri-County Health District in Colville, Washington, a post Mary held for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, While working at the local level, Mary served as president of the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Mary played a foundational role in the formation of the Washington State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, Mary served as Secretary of the Department of Health for nearly 15 years, serving three Governors, and was instrumental in developing Washington's nationally recognized Public Health Improvement Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Building on her success at the local and state levels, Mary has proved an influential leader at the federal level as well, serving two terms as the president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and receiving the 2010 American Medical Association's Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service; and

WHEREAS, Recently, as a result of Mary's leadership, the Washington State Department of Health is one of the first two state health departments in the nation to achieve national accreditation status; and

WHEREAS, Mary is recognized and appreciated by her staff, colleagues, local officials, legislators, and friends, regardless of their political affiliation, philosophical persuasion, or policy position, as a passionate, trusted, witty, and thoughtful champion of public health; and

WHEREAS, This year Mary will retire from her role as Secretary, leaving a professional legacy of higher state immunization rates, improved patient safety, a state agency that is trusted and credible, and one of the strongest local-state public health relationships in the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor Mary C. Selecky for her unwavering dedication to improving the health and safety of the people of Washington State and for the outstanding example and high standard she has set for those who will serve after her; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the esteemed Mary C. Selecky.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4636 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 27, 2013

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk