HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4674, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Hickel, Holy, Hudgins, S. Hunt, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kuderer, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Rossetti, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the selfless 2 acts of courage of United States Forest Service members during 3 Washington's wildfires of 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Members of the service have dedicated their lives to protecting our national forests and the people in the communities surrounding them; and

WHEREAS, Through their noble occupation, many of these men and women are led to deeds of bravery, even of supreme sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, On Wednesday evening, August 19, 2015, four members of the United States Forest Service--wildland firefighters Tom Zbyszewski, 20, of Carlton; Andrew Zajac, 26, of Winthrop; Richard Wheeler, 31, of Wenatchee; and Daniel Lyon, 25, of Puyallup; saw the peril and danger of task that lay before them, and nevertheless, went out to meet it; and

15 WHEREAS, The four-man crew, assigned to Engine 642, working up 16 the narrow and winding Woods Canyon Road, went to protect a home from 17 the approaching fire; and

18 WHEREAS, Their vehicle became engulfed in flames, resulting in 19 the death of Tom Zbyszewski, Andrew Zajac, and Richard Wheeler, and 20 severe injuries to Daniel Lyon; and

21 WHEREAS, Several other wildland firefighters were also injured in 22 the line of duty fighting the fires; and

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1	WHEREAS, The impact of these firefighters' sacrifices are
2	immeasurable, and will continue through the people and the land they
3	protect; and
4	WHEREAS, These firefighters did not merely speak of the
5	brotherhood of man, they lived it; and
6	WHEREAS, The spirit of these firefighters' service will not be
7	forgotten;
8	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
9	join the citizens of the State of Washington in commending the valor
10	of wildland firefighters; and
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives conveys
12	its deepest condolences to the family, friends, colleagues, and
13	community of Tom Zbyszewski, Andrew Zajac, Richard Wheeler, and
14	Daniel Lyon, and join the people of the State of Washington in
15	honoring their memory and commending their tremendous sacrifice; and
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express
17	profound appreciation and enduring gratitude to the brave men and
18	women that protect our state every day as first responders and
19	firefighters; and
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
21	immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
22	Representatives to the Methow Valley Ranger District for presentation
23	to the families of Tom Zbyszewski, Andrew Zajac, Richard Wheeler, and
24	Daniel Lyon.
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26	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
27	Resolution 4674 adopted by the House of Representatives
28	February 26, 2016
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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk

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