HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4670, by Representative Johnson

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

WHEREAS, Brian Winter has exhibited true excellence throughout his personal, professional, and public life; and

WHEREAS, Brian Winter has exhibited the highest levels of excellence during his lengthy years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Brian Winter served his country with distinction and honor in the United States Marine Corps, including combat deployment to Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, Brian Winter returned to the Yakima area to serve with the Yakima County Sheriff's Office, moving up to the position of lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Brian Winter ran for and was elected Yakima County Sheriff in 2014 with almost sixty percent of the vote; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Brian Winter has increased public safety during his time as sheriff, including strengthening Block Watch programs, building plans for active shooter situations, investing in a new crime tracking system, expanding training opportunities, and working to improve law enforcement relationships with the community; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Brian Winter is retiring due to medical conditions after a successful career of nearly thirty years in law enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor Sheriff Brian Winter for his years of dedicated service, his personal and professional integrity, and for making Yakima County and the State of Washington a better place to live, work, and raise a family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Sheriff Brian Winter.