HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4617, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chapman, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graves, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Koster, Kraft, Kretz, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, Manweller, Maycumber, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morris, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, J. Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, and Young

1 WHEREAS, The people of the state of Washington celebrate children 2 for the happiness they bring to our lives and the hopes and dreams 3 they represent for our nation; and

WHEREAS, Children are the leaders of tomorrow; and it is our solemn obligation to instill in them the values, convictions, goodwill, and fortitude they need to continue the wonderful legacy of freedom, peace, and prosperity we have inherited from those who came before us; and

9 WHEREAS, There can be no better measure of our governance than 10 the way we treat our children; and

11 WHEREAS, The children of the state of Washington should be 12 cherished and are deserving of a nurturing and protective environment 13 where they may flourish and realize their full potential; and

14 WHEREAS, The children of the state of Washington should always 15 know that they are valued members of our society; and

16 WHEREAS, The children of the state of Washington should have 17 access to quality education, wholesome recreation, and safe 18 communities; and

WHEREAS, Children should be loved and treasured by their families, and all people of the state of Washington should help them by setting examples of what it means to be an ethical, hardworking, healthy, and productive community member; and

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WHEREAS, The House of Representatives welcomes children into the
House Chamber so they may witness the legislative process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all residents of Washington to celebrate children on Children's Day and throughout the year by spending more quality time with children, and reminding children of their special place in our lives.

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I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4617 adopted by the House of Representatives February 20, 2017

Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk