

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4656, by Representative Jenkin

1       WHEREAS, Dr. Ray Tolcacher, prior to coming to Washington state  
2 in 1992, served as superintendent of the Windsor Unified School  
3 District in California for three years; and

4       WHEREAS, Dr. Ray Tolcacher also served as President of the  
5 Association of California School Administrators, the largest umbrella  
6 organization for school leaders in the United States, serving more  
7 than 17,000 California educators; and

8       WHEREAS, Dr. Ray Tolcacher has held several leadership roles in  
9 Washington state, including Southeast Washington Association of  
10 School Administrators (WASA) Region 123 President, Employee Relations  
11 and Negotiations Network three-time state President, and Washington  
12 Association of School Administrators (WASA) School Information  
13 Research Cooperative Board Member; and

14       WHEREAS, Dr. Ray Tolcacher was named Washington State  
15 Administrator of the Year for the 2016-17 National History Day; and

16       WHEREAS, The University of La Verne recently recognized Dr. Ray  
17 Tolcacher as a distinguished alumnus whose significant professional  
18 achievements earned him a spot among the University's 125 Notable  
19 Leos for Life; and

20       WHEREAS, Dr. Ray Tolcacher created, and was the host of, an  
21 informational TV show about education in Washington state called  
22 School Scene Magazine; and

1       WHEREAS, Two little known facts about Dr. Ray Tolcacher include a  
2 stint as "Mr. Principal" on the children's television series Romper  
3 Room, and that his college roommate was Cheech Marin, of Cheech and  
4 Chong fame; and

5       WHEREAS, Dr. Ray Tolcacher was an expert in developing district  
6 policies that addressed a wide array of issues. Dr. Ray Tolcacher was  
7 also a highly effective advocate at the legislative level who  
8 testified many times in front of legislative committees to advocate  
9 for children. His work and advocacy on levy equalization saved many  
10 districts from financial hardships; and

11       WHEREAS, Dr. Ray Tolcacher led the Prosser school district to  
12 numerous academic and athletic achievements, including consistently  
13 high test scores and several state championships in football; and

14       WHEREAS, During his final two years in Prosser, Dr. Ray Tolcacher  
15 also led a team of dedicated staff and community members to pass the  
16 first capital projects bond in 23 years;

17       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
18 of Representatives honor Dr. Ray Tolcacher as a visionary leader who  
19 advocated for students and teachers throughout his career; 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 Dr. Ray Tolcacher.

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