

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4663, by Representatives Lovick, Sells, Mead, Chapman, Irwin, Gregerson, and Ortiz-Self

1           WHEREAS, James H. Scharf served twenty years investigating  
2 homicides, with fourteen years as the primary detective of the  
3 Snohomish County Cold Case Team since its inception in 2005; and

4           WHEREAS, Scharf and his team solved nine homicides considered  
5 unsolvable during that time; and

6           WHEREAS, One of those nine cases received national and  
7 international media coverage due to the fact it was the first case in  
8 history where an offender was identified and convicted using DNA  
9 forensic genealogy techniques; and

10           WHEREAS, Scharf and his team located one missing person who had  
11 been presumed to be murdered, solved a cold rape case, and were  
12 instrumental in assisting Arizona law enforcement in solving one of  
13 their cold homicide cases; and

14           WHEREAS, The cold case team cleared the names of scores of people  
15 previously considered "persons of interest" for the sixty-five cold  
16 cases handled by the office;

17           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
18 recognize and salute James H. Scharf, not only for his time leading  
19 the Snohomish Cold Case Team, but for his career in law enforcement  
20 and public service; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
2 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
3 Representatives to James H. Scharf.

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