

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4664, by Representatives Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Callan, Chapman, Chopp, Cody, Davis, Doglio, Dolan, Duerr, Entenman, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hansen, Hudgins, Jinkins, J. Johnson, Kilduff, Kirby, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Lovick, Macri, Mead, Morgan, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Santos, Sells, Senn, Shewmake, Slatter, Springer, Stonier, Sullivan, Tarleton, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Walen, Wylie, Wilcox, Kretz, Harris, DeBolt, Caldier, Mosbrucker, Boehnke, Schmick, Goehner, Stokesbary, Rude, Barkis, Steele, and Dent

1 WHEREAS, Congressman Denny Heck brought his stalwart
2 statesmanship and an unwavering sense of duty to the United States
3 House of Representatives and the Washington State House of
4 Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, Before being elected to the United States House of
6 Representatives, he enjoyed great success in his private and public
7 endeavors, one of which involved starting a local workplace education
8 business and quickly growing it from two employees to over 300; and

9 WHEREAS, He had an illustrious and rewarding public service
10 career, beginning his work as an intern in the Washington State
11 Legislature before being elected to the state House of
12 Representatives at age 24, representing the 17th Legislative
13 District, which included Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat counties; and

14 WHEREAS, Heck served as Chief Clerk in 1985, Governor Booth's
15 Chief of Staff from 1990 to 1993, and excelled in leading the floor
16 as the Majority Leader, as he worked to create bipartisan agreement
17 focused on Washington values; and

18 WHEREAS, As an ardent supporter of education, Congressman Heck
19 fought for the improvement of Washington's public schools as a prime
20 author of Washington's Basic Education Act of 1977; and

21 WHEREAS, A champion of accessible democracy, Congressman Heck
22 also co-founded TVW, an award-winning public affairs network
23 delivering nonpartisan coverage of the Washington State Legislature,

1 going on to host Inside Olympia, and win an Emmy for a self-written
2 and produced documentary on the Washington State Supreme Court; and

3 WHEREAS, Congressman Heck represented the people of the 10th
4 Congressional District and all of Washington state with his essential
5 work on fighting for the middle class and strengthening the economy;
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7 WHEREAS, In these times of sharp partisan differences in
8 Congress, Denny has built a reputation as someone who seeks
9 bipartisan solutions and works across the aisle on issues; and

10 WHEREAS, He faithfully represents Washington on the House
11 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the House Financial
12 Services Committee, the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit
13 Subcommittee, and the Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee; and

14 WHEREAS, Washington Governor Jay Inslee praised Congressman Heck
15 for having "fought for a strong democracy, been a powerful voice at
16 the national level, and is never afraid to do what's right"; and

17 WHEREAS, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi referred to the Congressman
18 as a "leader of outstanding integrity and character";

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
20 of Representatives recognize and honor Congressman Heck for his
21 lifetime of public service.

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23 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
24 Resolution 4664 adopted by the House of Representatives
25 February 17, 2020
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk