

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4685, by Representatives Jinkins, Wilcox, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Boehnke, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Chopp, Cody, Corry, Davis, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Gildon, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hansen, Harris, Hoff, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, J. Johnson, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, Mead, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Riccelli, Robinson, Rude, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shewmake, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Tarleton, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

1       WHEREAS, Representative Sherry Appleton has ably and proudly  
2 served the people of Washington's 23rd legislative district since  
3 taking the oath of office as a state representative on January 10,  
4 2005; and

5       WHEREAS, During her sixteen years in the Legislature, she has  
6 been an unswervingly progressive voice, with a fierce commitment to  
7 her constituents in Kitsap County and a deep compassion for society's  
8 underdogs; and

9       WHEREAS, As a proud Navy widow with thousands of active-duty  
10 sailors and retired Naval personnel in her district, Sherry has been  
11 a staunch and effective advocate for the military, serving on related  
12 boards, commissions, and legislative committees, and was named  
13 "Outstanding Legislator of the Year" by the Department of Veterans  
14 Affairs and the governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee for  
15 her years of often behind-the-scenes work on behalf of the state's  
16 approximately seven hundred thousand military veterans; and

17       WHEREAS, During her tenure in the Legislature, Sherry has chaired  
18 two standing House panels, the Committee on Local Government and the  
19 Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs,  
20 facilitating the passage of scores of bills designed to make  
21 Washington a better place to live, work, do business, and raise a  
22 family; and

1       WHEREAS, Sherry's commitment to seniors, especially those living  
2 with dementia, earned her the title of Mother of the Silver Alert for  
3 her multiyear effort to create a public safety law that has saved  
4 countless lives since its passage in 2015; and

5       WHEREAS, Living amid the natural beauty and bounty of the Kitsap  
6 Peninsula helped Sherry become a conservationist before conservation  
7 was cool, and her consistency in advancing this cause led the  
8 nonpartisan Washington Conservation Voters to induct her into its  
9 "Lifetime 100 Club," an honor based on how consistently an elected  
10 official votes to "protect our clean air, water and forests, while  
11 accelerating the transition to a good-job, clean-energy economy"; and

12       WHEREAS, Our four-footed or feathered friends have no greater  
13 legislative ally than Sherry, who includes them in the category of  
14 the voiceless for whom she is privileged to speak, a fact obvious in  
15 the wide range of animal-welfare bills that she has sponsored over  
16 the years, including the breed-ban bill that she pursued for years,  
17 and her successful efforts to secure funding in the capital budget  
18 for much-needed improvements to the puppy room at Kitsap Humane  
19 Society; and

20       WHEREAS, This continuing dedication to animals and animal rights  
21 led the Washington state chapter of the Humane Society of the United  
22 States to name Sherry "Humane Legislator of the Year" in 2018,  
23 prompting her to say at the award ceremony, "A society, a culture,  
24 can be judged by how it treats those with the least power: Children,  
25 seniors, persons living with disabilities, and yes, our animals. I'm  
26 grateful to have colleagues in the Legislature on both sides of the  
27 party aisle who recognize this and work with me to make this a better  
28 place for all of us"; and

29       WHEREAS, Sherry has fought hard for her beloved 23rd legislative  
30 district, bringing home victories for the people of Kitsap County,  
31 its cities and towns, and its valuable institutions, including Martha  
32 & Mary, Olympic College, the Marine Science Center (SEA Discovery  
33 Center), Village Green Community Center, and Fishline Food Bank,  
34 among many, many others during her legislative tenure; and

35       WHEREAS, Sherry's commitment to public service is evident in her  
36 work outside of and prior to her election to the Legislature,  
37 including her appointments by Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill  
38 Clinton to serve on the Washington State Advisory Committee to the  
39 U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and her service on the board of  
40 directors of the Association of Washington Cities, on the Northwest

1 Women's Law Center Legislative Committee, on the board of NARAL, and  
2 as vice-chair of the Washington State Women's Political Caucus; and

3 WHEREAS, Last, but certainly not least, Sherry has continually  
4 called the Legislature's attention to the fact that the people she  
5 represents live on a peninsula and an island, and that the Washington  
6 state ferry system is their economic and recreational lifeline, and  
7 she has been a fierce and tireless advocate for safer, more  
8 affordable, and more dependable ferry service for Kitsap County;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
10 of Representatives honor Representative Sherry Appleton upon her  
11 retirement from the Legislature for her sixteen years of service to  
12 her constituents in the 23rd legislative district, to the House of  
13 Representatives, and to the entire State of Washington.

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