HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4625, by Representatives Dufault, Corry, and Dent

WHEREAS, Norman (Norm) Wayne Childress was born on August 19, 1958, in Yakima, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Norm attended Outlook Elementary School and Sunnyside Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, After his father died, Norm and his family moved to Naches where he participated in three sports at Naches High School, where he graduated in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Norm attended Yakima Valley College; and

WHEREAS, In October 1978, Norm began a 37-year career with the Public Works Department, then called the Benton County Road Department; and

WHEREAS, Norm married his wife, Sandy, on November 2, 1979, and they enjoyed more than 40 years of marriage together; and

WHEREAS, Norm and Sandy had a daughter, Cara Lee, in 1981, and a son, Joshua Wayne, in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Norm was a dedicated father and involved in his children's activities and sports; and

WHEREAS, Norm was a loving grandfather to his grandson, Sebastian; and

WHEREAS, Norm was elected to the Grandview City Council in 1993 and served on that council until 2005 when he was elected Mayor of Grandview, a position he held until 2018; and

WHEREAS, Norm enjoyed many activities, including church league softball and racquetball; and

WHEREAS, Norm retired in 2015, spending time in his workshop and playing poker; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Norm would travel to Las Vegas to play in the World Series of Poker and connect with friends; and

WHEREAS, Norm was elected as Yakima County Commissioner for District 3 in 2018, a position he held until his unfortunate passing; and

WHEREAS, Norm passed away peacefully from pancreatic cancer on September 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Norm leaves behind a legacy of public service and enhanced the communities for which he served; and

WHEREAS, Norm is greatly missed by his family, friends, and the people of Yakima County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Norman Wayne Childress for his devoted service to the people of Benton County, Grandview, and Yakima County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the family of Norman Wayne Childress.