

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4621, by Representatives Volz, Riccelli, Orwall, Harris, Robertson, Jacobsen, Lovick, Walen, Chase, Gilday, Chambers, Pollet, Dye, Chandler, Schmick, Ormsby, Graham, MacEwen, Cody, Hoff, Orcutt, Eslick, Ryu, Boehnke, Dent, and Callan

1 WHEREAS, It is with fond memories and heavy hearts that members
2 of this august body honor one of their own on this solemn occasion,
3 former State Representative John Edward Ahern; and

4 WHEREAS, John dutifully and faithfully served the citizens of the
5 6th legislative district from 2001 to 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, In the conduct of his legislative service, John
7 sponsored Washington's first Felony, Driving Under the Influence
8 (DUI) statute receiving national recognition from the National
9 Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA); and

10 WHEREAS, John's commitment and recognition to our nation's
11 veterans made him instrumental in creating the Spokane Veterans Home,
12 Eastern Washington's first home for veterans; and

13 WHEREAS, John contributed to the Spokane business community and
14 the local economy in owning and operating JANCO Products Incorporated
15 for nearly 40 years; and

16 WHEREAS, John's devotion to God, family, and country was
17 demonstrably shown in his marriage of nearly 60 years to wife Nancy,
18 his commitment to his local parish, and community involvement in both
19 civic and government organizations;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
21 demonstrate its deep respect and appreciation in honoring the life
22 and accomplishments of John Edward Ahern; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
2 recognize the faithful support and commitment of John's family in all
3 his endeavors: Wife Nancy, sons Michael and Brian, and daughter
4 Carolyn; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
6 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives to wife Nancy Ahern, sons Michael and Brian, and
8 daughter Carolyn.

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10 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
11 Resolution 4621 adopted by the House of Representatives
12 March 23, 2021
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk