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**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4402**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Representatives Doglio, Santos, Ryu, Pollet, Bateman, Goodman, and Senn

Read first time 01/27/23. Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

1 WHEREAS, Representative Jennifer Belcher served Washington  
2 State's 22nd Legislative District from 1983 to 1992, serving on ten  
3 House Committees over the course of her tenure; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Belcher served her full tenure on the  
5 Natural Resources Committee, serving as Chair to the committee from  
6 1989 to 1992 and chaired the State Government Committee in 1985-86;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Belcher's legislative work established  
9 subsidized childcare for state workers; and

10 WHEREAS, She was one of six female state representatives dubbed  
11 the "Steel Magnolias" who led a successful effort to transform land-  
12 use regulation by crafting the Growth Management Act; and

13 WHEREAS, Commissioner Jennifer Belcher was the first woman to be  
14 elected Washington State's Commissioner of Public Lands, where she  
15 was known for her fearless leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, Commissioner Belcher attained a 50-year habitat  
17 conservation plan for management of state forestlands, turning the  
18 state's premier land management agency toward conservation; and

19 WHEREAS, Jennifer Belcher left one great legacy of breaking the  
20 glass ceiling and helping a lot of younger women break that glass  
21 ceiling; and

22 WHEREAS, The Legislature is authorized to approve names for  
23 certain state facilities based on recommendations from the State

1 Capitol Committee and the Department of Enterprise Services, with the  
2 advice of the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee and subject to  
3 specific criteria;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives  
5 of the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the state  
6 office building at 1111 Washington Street SE known as the "Natural  
7 Resources Building" be renamed the "Jennifer Belcher Building"; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Enterprise  
9 Services place the name "Jennifer Belcher Building" on the state  
10 office building at 1111 Washington Street SE known as the "Natural  
11 Resources Building"; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
13 forwarded to the family of Jennifer Belcher; the Honorable Jay  
14 Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington; and Tara Smith, Director  
15 of the Department of Enterprise Services.

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