

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4622, by Representative Bronoske

1 WHEREAS, Fumiko Kimura, a longtime 28th legislative district
2 resident, has selflessly and compassionately dedicated her long life
3 in Pierce County to the creation and development of Asian-inspired
4 art; and

5 WHEREAS, Fumiko has been a strong leader in art education in the
6 community and has played a key role in expanding art awareness within
7 the Puget Sound region, more specifically awareness for Sumi painting
8 and calligraphy; and

9 WHEREAS, Fumiko earned her master's degree in art education from
10 the University of Puget Sound, and her artwork has been admired by
11 many, collected by Microsoft, the Tacoma Art Museum, the Pierce
12 County Library, Columbia Bank, the University of Puget Sound, and
13 others; and

14 WHEREAS, Now past 90 years old, Fumiko is the only living
15 founding member of the Puget Sound Sumi Artists Association, which
16 was founded in 1986; and

17 WHEREAS, Fumiko and other artists founded the Puget Sound Sumi
18 Artists Association with a mission to: "Encourage the advancement of
19 artistry in sumi painting and related work in Asian brush
20 calligraphy, and foster appreciation of sumi and brush calligraphy
21 art in the community through exhibitions, demonstrations, and by
22 teaching in schools and other venues;" and

1 WHEREAS, The Association has introduced thousands of school
2 children to the fun of Sumi painting through in-school and community
3 workshops, also introducing art workshops for adults and seniors; and

4 WHEREAS, With Fumiko's guidance, the Puget Sound Sumi Artists
5 also offered an annual art scholarship, expanded professional skills,
6 networking opportunities, and artistic fellowship in the community;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Fumiko has displayed great excellence in the community,
9 and personally inspired thousands of children through her volunteer
10 Sumi painting workshops in schools and within the Puget Sound region;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, She has generously provided wisdom through mentorship
13 for hundreds of adults through community college classes in Sumi
14 painting and Asian calligraphy, many of which she offered free of
15 charge; and

16 WHEREAS, Fumiko continues to inspire, mentor, and encourage the
17 70-plus members of the Puget Sound Sumi Artists Association, as well
18 as members of the community who are eager to learn more about Sumi
19 art through community education and outreach; and

20 WHEREAS, She is also the author of the book "Painting in Sumi--/
21 Stroke on Stroke" and the co-author of another book titled "Persimmon
22 and Frog: My Life And Art, a Kibei-Nisei's Story of Self-Discovery;"

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
24 of Representatives honor Fumiko Kimura, for her lifelong dedication
25 to the creation and preservation of Sumi art, and her dedication to
26 mentorship and inspiring others within the community; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
28 recognize the value of such strong dedication to art education in the
29 community and for the outstanding example Fumiko has set for others.

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