HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4622, by Representatives Bronoske and Leavitt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4622 adopted by the House of Representatives March 7, 2023

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