

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4640, by Representative McClintock

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State House of
2 Representatives to recognize excellence in every field of endeavor;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Sandra Bedrosian Sermone has received the 2022 Gold
5 Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Founded in 2003 by the
6 President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the
7 President's Volunteer Service Awards are a distinctive honor bestowed
8 in recognition of extraordinary voluntary contributions. The Gold
9 award is presented to adults volunteering 250 hours or more; and

10 WHEREAS, Sermone has dedicated her volunteer efforts to support
11 those whose lives have been impacted by Activity-Dependent
12 Neuroprotective Protein (ADNP) Syndrome, a rare and complex neuro-
13 developmental genetic disorder caused by a change in the ADNP gene.
14 The syndrome is estimated to be one of the top single gene causes of
15 Autism and can affect the neurological, cardiovascular, endocrine,
16 immune, musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal, and kidney, urinary, and
17 respiratory systems, as well as muscle tone (hypotonia), vision,
18 hearing, growth, feeding, and sleep; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2016, Sermone founded the ADNP Kids Research
20 Foundation, a nonprofit organization supporting children and families
21 impacted by ADNP syndrome which has connected with approximately 450
22 families and raised two million dollars towards a cure for ADNP

1 syndrome, the highest single contributor to ADNP syndrome research
2 worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, In the year 2022, Sermone volunteered at the foundation
4 for one thousand hours, which equates to working a part-time job
5 without pay;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
7 of Representatives honor and congratulate Sandra Bedrosian Sermone on
8 receiving the 2022 Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award and
9 congratulate her and the volunteers she leads for their contribution
10 in aiding those who suffer because of ADNP syndrome; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
12 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
13 Representatives to Sandra Bedrosian Sermone.

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