
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4403

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By Representatives Tharinger, Steele, McClintock, Abbarno, Waters, Leavitt, Ormsby, and Kloba

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1 WHEREAS, The Washington State Library Building was completed in
2 1958 and has stood for over 60 years as an outstanding example of
3 Paul Thiry's Pacific Northwest modernism style of architecture; and

4 WHEREAS, The Washington State Library Building was renamed the
5 Joel Pritchard State Library in 1997 to honor the extraordinary
6 public service and legacy of Lieutenant Governor Joel Pritchard; and

7 WHEREAS, This building served faithfully for many years as the
8 state's library facility before coming into use by the legislature as
9 an office building for more than 20 years; and

10 WHEREAS, The legislature has commissioned an expansion and
11 restoration of this building in a manner that honors its modernist
12 spirit while enhancing its utility to the capitol campus; and

13 WHEREAS, The legislature recognizes that continuing to refer to
14 this facility as a library building may cause confusion to campus
15 visitors; and

16 WHEREAS, The legislature wish to affirm its admiration and
17 respect for the profound legacy of Lieutenant Governor Joel
18 Pritchard, who fostered in the evergreen state a commitment to
19 literacy, an enduring respect for bipartisanship, and a love of
20 pickleball; and

21 WHEREAS, Pursuant to RCW 43.34.090, the legislature is vested
22 with the authority to approve names for new or existing buildings on
23 the capitol campus based on recommendations from the state capitol

1 committee and the department of enterprise services, with the advice
2 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 expanded
6 and rehabilitated Joel Pritchard State Library be renamed as the
7 "Joel Pritchard Building"; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the department of enterprise
9 services affix the name "Joel Pritchard Building" to this state
10 office building located at 415 15th Avenue Southwest in Olympia,
11 Washington; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
13 forwarded to the Honorable Robert Ferguson, Governor of the State of
14 Washington and to the Director of the Department of Enterprise
15 Services.

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