HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4610, by Representatives Timmons and Rule

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Kathi Hiyane-Brown has had over 35 years of service 2 to students at community colleges across the country; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Hiyane-Brown has diligently and tirelessly served as 4 president of Whatcom Community College (WCC) for 18 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Hiyane-Brown, WCC expanded and developed 6 certificates, associates, and baccalaureate degrees for students to 7 help meet 21st century job demands; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Hiyane-Brown's leadership helped WCC receive 9 numerous honors, including the National Centers of Academic 10 Excellence in Cybersecurity Education and Training, and recognition from the White House, National Security Agency, and other government 11 12 agencies; and

WHEREAS, Industry leaders have acknowledged WCC's efforts to prepare students for careers in technology during Dr. Hiyane-Brown's tenure; and

16 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Hiyane-Brown's guidance, the Washington State 17 Board of Community and Technical Colleges and the State Legislature 18 designated WCC as the Washington State Cybersecurity Center of 19 Excellence; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Hiyane-Brown helped WCC grow its physical campus to 21 better support students and educators; and 1 WHEREAS, WCC has received numerous commendations during 2 accreditation visits, a direct result of Dr. Hiyane-Brown's 3 leadership; and

4 expanded its partnerships WHEREAS, WCC has and community 5 connections during her tenure, including the Writers Workshop, the 6 Community Transitions program with Bellingham School District, the 7 home of the Area Health Education Center --- one of two health education 8 centers in Washington State, and joint student activities with 9 Northwest Indian College, Bellingham Technical College, and Western 10 Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hiyane-Brown has left her mark on higher education 11 12 beyond the WCC campus, including serving as a founding and executive 13 committee member of the National Asian Pacific Islander Council, a 14 member of the Higher Education Research and Development Institute 15 West Advisory Board, and a member of the Council for Adult and 16 Experiential Learning Advisory Board, leadership roles with the 17 Initiative for Cybersecurity Education, National the American 18 Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and AACC's Presidents 19 Academy Executive Committee, membership in the Washington Association 20 of Community and Technical Colleges, the Northwest Workforce Council 21 Board, and the Rotary Club of Bellingham;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives 23 congratulate Dr. Kathi Hiyane-Brown on an illustrious, impactful, and 24 remarkable career in service to community college students and the 25 larger education community, and wish Dr. Kathi Hiyane-Brown a 26 and well-earned retirement with deserved the knowledge and 27 contentment of a stellar career that helped numerous students achieve 28 a better future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Dr. Hiyane-Brown in appreciation of her service that is an example for all higher education professionals to aspire to.

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35 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of 36 Resolution 4610 adopted by the House of Representatives 37 January 28, 2025 6 Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk