

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4612, by Representatives Leavitt, Bronoske,
Richards, and Jinkins

1 WHEREAS, It has been the tradition of the Washington state House
2 of Representatives to honor significant and important contributions
3 to the public good made by employees of the state; and

4 WHEREAS, Keri Rawlings Rooney has faithfully served the people of
5 the state of Washington for over 50 years in a variety of offices at
6 both the state and local level; and

7 WHEREAS, Keri has provided sage advice and sound counsel to
8 members of the legislature, governors, and other state elected
9 officials, members of congress, and local government officials; and

10 WHEREAS, Keri is widely respected across the state for her
11 political acumen, legislative expertise, and knowledge of government
12 operations and is a key influencer in Pierce county; and

13 WHEREAS, Keri played a major role in public policy development
14 during her tenure at the Washington state Senate, the Pierce county
15 auditor's office, office of the Pierce county executive, and office
16 of the state auditor; and

17 WHEREAS, Keri created and promoted a program to instill the value
18 of voting into children in the K-12 school system called "Voting is
19 Cool," which provided materials promoting democracy and the value of
20 casting a ballot to over 1,000 children; and

21 WHEREAS, Keri was an indispensable part of the success of both
22 the 2010 United States Amateur and 2015 United States Open golf

1 tournaments at Chambers Bay Golf Course to the benefit of her
2 community and the economy of the State; and

3 WHEREAS, During her distinguished career Keri mentored countless
4 people who launched careers in public service and carry on her legacy
5 of making a difference for the community; and

6 WHEREAS, Keri is known to one and all as a trusted friend,
7 respected colleague, and source of sound professional judgment;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House
9 of Representatives express its sincerest appreciation to Keri
10 Rawlings Rooney for 50 years of service to the people of the state of
11 Washington, for her dedication to the public good, and for her
12 friendship and support to her many friends and colleagues, and do
13 hereby extend best wishes to her as she enters retirement; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
15 immediately transmitted to Keri Rawlings Rooney.

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17 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
18 Resolution 4612 adopted by the House of Representatives
19 February 4, 2025
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk