HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4618, by Representatives Jinkins, Stokesbary, Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Burnett, Caldier, Callan, Chase, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Engell, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hill, Hunt, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Ley, Low, Macri, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Mendoza, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Penner, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Scott, Shavers, Simmons, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stonier, Street, Stuebe, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, Ybarra, and Zahn

WHEREAS, On this day, we join citizens across the nation in observing Presidents' Day, a time set aside to reflect on the leadership and service of those who have served as President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Presidents' Day has long served as a moment for honoring the achievements and enduring legacies of pivotal American leaders, particularly George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, whose contributions shaped the course of our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, the first President of our United States, was instrumental in leading the country through the challenges of the Revolutionary War and the early years of our independence; and

WHEREAS, By voluntarily stepping down at the end of his second term, George Washington set a crucial precedent for peaceful transitions of power, a practice that has since become a cornerstone of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President, is revered for his steadfast leadership during the Civil War, preserving the Union and writing the Emancipation Proclamation to end slavery; and

WHEREAS, The significance of Presidents' Day is a celebration not only of these two extraordinary figures, but of all presidents who have shaped the country in their unique ways—each bringing their unique vision, determination, and dedication to the office; and

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| 1  | WHEREAS, The establishment of Presidents' Day as a national           |
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| 2  | observance highlights our nation's commitment to democratic ideals in |
| 3  | the continued pursuit of a more perfect Union;                        |
| 4  | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives     |
| 5  | honor our nation's presidents for leaving a legacy of renowned        |
| 6  | leadership in turbulent times and their immeasurable contributions to |
| 7  | the furtherment of liberty, equality, and justice in this country.    |
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| 9  | I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of                |
| 10 | Resolution 4618 adopted by the House of Representatives               |
| 11 | February 17, 2025   |
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| 17 | Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk   |

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