

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4635, by Representatives Farivar, Taylor, Ryu, Kloba, Doglio, Parshley, Zahn, Tharinger, Berry, Callan, Peterson, Jenkins, Nance, Santos, Salahuddin, Bronoske, Ramel, Walen, Goodman, Thai, Cortes, Dufault, Pollet, Waters, Mena, Stearns, Fosse, Donaghy, Stonier, Timmons, Reed, and Street

1 WHEREAS, The Persian New Year, or Nowruz, which originated in the
2 Iranian plateau more than 3,000 years ago and is celebrated annually
3 marking the Spring Equinox in the northern hemisphere, this year will
4 fall on March 20th at 2:01 a.m.; and

5 WHEREAS, Nowruz is a significant cultural holiday that is
6 celebrated by nearly 300 million people across the globe of different
7 faiths and cultures, including individuals in Iran, Afghanistan,
8 Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, the Hazara
9 community, and many other communities and countries including more
10 than 1 million Americans, including tens of thousands in Washington
11 state; and

12 WHEREAS, Nowruz welcomes spring and regrowth after winter and
13 periods of cold and dormancy and it celebrates nature, life, and
14 opportunity for regrowth and blossoming; and

15 WHEREAS, In this time where mistrust and fear often threaten to
16 divide us, the spirit of Nowruz inspires us to realize our
17 commonalities and strive for new levels of compassion, understanding,
18 and love for our fellow human beings irrespective of religion or
19 ethnicity; and

20 WHEREAS, Many Middle Eastern and Central Asian individuals
21 immigrate to Washington to flee persecution for their beliefs,
22 seeking personal and religious freedoms in the United States; and

