

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4658, by Representatives Duerr, Fitzgibbon, Zahn, Ramel, Chase, Berry, Parshley, Taylor, Abell, Walen, Doglio, Bronoske, Fosse, Scott, Ryu, Timmons, Stonier, Leavitt, and Berg

1           WHEREAS, The people of the State of Washington and the people of  
2 Denmark maintain a strong and enduring relationship, exemplified by  
3 visits from the Danish Crown Princess, Danish ambassadors, and the  
4 Danish Foreign Minister, who have all engaged with state, city, and  
5 municipal officials, including former Governor Inslee; and

6           WHEREAS, There are significant economic ties between the people  
7 of Washington and the people of Denmark, including Danish-supported  
8 initiatives involving industrial symbiosis projects in eastern  
9 Washington, substantial shipping activities through Washington ports  
10 by the Danish company Maersk, employment of approximately 3,000  
11 workers by Danish businesses in the state, and annual exports from  
12 Washington to Denmark valued at approximately \$48 million; and

13           WHEREAS, Educational collaborations between Washingtonians and  
14 Danes are robust, with student exchange programs linking the  
15 University of Washington and Danish universities, internships  
16 provided by Danish firms to Washington students, and visiting Danish  
17 educators at the University of Washington's Scandinavian Studies  
18 Department; and

19           WHEREAS, Cultural connections between both peoples are richly  
20 woven, encompassing live performances and exhibitions by Danish  
21 artists in Washington, as well as public outdoor works by the world-  
22 renowned Danish artist Thomas Dambo; and

1       WHEREAS, Washington is home to a significant Danish-American  
2 population, reflected in the Danish and Nordic organizations and the  
3 many Danish cultural celebrations that enhance and enrich life in the  
4 state; and

5       WHEREAS, Researchers from Washington developed a long-standing  
6 and collaborative scientific relationship with researchers from  
7 Denmark and from Greenland, focusing on the atmosphere, ocean,  
8 biology, sea ice, ice sheet dynamics, and the past climate of  
9 Greenland and the Arctic, with studies in these areas conducted  
10 alongside Danish colleagues for more than 40 years;

11       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, In appreciation of these myriad  
12 relationships, the House of Representatives reiterate their firm  
13 support for continued and strengthened governmental, economic,  
14 educational, and cultural ties between the people of Washington and  
15 the people of Denmark and of Greenland.

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17               I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
18               Resolution 4658 adopted by the House of Representatives  
19                               April 8, 2025

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk