

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4686, by Representatives Leavitt, Bronoske, and Richards

1 WHEREAS, Robert Steven Masko was born on October 28, 1954, in
2 Tacoma, Washington, and was a lifelong resident of Pierce county who
3 dedicated his life to service, family, and community; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Masko graduated from Wilson High School in 1973
5 and earned a degree in criminal justice from Washington State
6 University in 1977, reflecting an early and enduring commitment to
7 public service; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Masko devoted nearly four decades to law
9 enforcement with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, serving
10 honorably for 37 years and retiring as undersheriff, where he was
11 widely respected as a leader, mentor, and public servant known for
12 integrity, compassion, and professionalism; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Robert Masko treated every person
14 with dignity and worked tirelessly to protect and strengthen the
15 communities he served; and

16 WHEREAS, Beyond his professional service, Robert Masko gave
17 generously of his time as a Fircrest City Councilmember and through
18 leadership and volunteer roles, including Law Enforcement Youth Camp
19 Director, Civil Service Commissioner, youth group leader, youth
20 sports coach, and local credit union board member and chair; and

21 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Robert Masko continued his
22 commitment to community service through work supporting a local law
23 enforcement nonprofit, the Fircrest Civil Service Oral Board, the

1 University Place Public Safety Advisory Commission, his homeowners
2 association, and numerous other local efforts; and

3 WHEREAS, Robert Masko worked diligently to secure new playground
4 equipment at Masko Park, leaving a lasting legacy for children and
5 families in the community; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Masko was a devoted husband, father, grandfather,
7 brother, and friend whose warmth, humor, and generosity touched all
8 who knew him; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert Masko passed away on September 13, 2025, at the
10 age of 70, surrounded by his loving family, leaving behind a legacy
11 of service, leadership, and community devotion that will endure for
12 generations;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
14 of the state of Washington honor and recognize the life and service
15 of Robert Steven Masko for his extraordinary contributions to public
16 safety, civic leadership, and the Pierce county community; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend
18 its deepest support, sympathy, and respect to his wife, Dawn Masko,
19 his children, grandchildren, extended family, friends, colleagues,
20 and all those whose lives were enriched by his service and
21 friendship; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
23 transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the
24 family of Robert Steven Masko.

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26 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
27 Resolution 4686 adopted by the House of Representatives
28 February 20, 2026
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk