

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4715, by Representatives Jinkins, Stokesbary, Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Burnett, 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, Hall, Hill, 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, Thomas, Timmons, Valdez, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, Ybarra, and Zahn

1 WHEREAS, Representative Steve Tharinger was elected to the House
2 of Representatives in 2010 representing the 24th Legislative
3 District; and

4 WHEREAS, He received his political science degree from Colorado
5 College after growing up in the Twin Cities in Minnesota; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Tharinger started his career as a
7 contractor building houses, and later became a small business owner;
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9 WHEREAS, He was elected as the Clallam County Commissioner in
10 1999 and pursued his passions by serving on many local boards and
11 commissions; and

12 WHEREAS, He championed environmental efforts to protect
13 Washington waterways and native salmon; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Tharinger was the chair of the House
15 Capital Budget Committee for 12 years, where he worked tirelessly to
16 craft the Washington state capital budgets with record investments in
17 school construction and housing along with funding for colleges,
18 universities, state parks, and local infrastructure that will serve
19 us for generations; and

20 WHEREAS, He also sat on the Health Care and Wellness and
21 Appropriations Committees, advocating for legislation and programs to
22 improve health care throughout the state of Washington; and

