

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4624, by Representatives R. Johnson, Braddock, Kremen, Haugen, Spanel, Wynne, Sprenkle, Wilson and Brekke

WHEREAS, Western Washington experienced severe flooding during November and December of 1990; and  
WHEREAS, Flooding in northwest Washington, including Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom counties was extremely damaging; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of our citizens were displaced from and lost their homes during the flooding; and

WHEREAS, Total monetary damages caused by flooding is estimated to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, In the face of extremely adverse conditions, the people living in or near affected areas met the challenge of fighting the rising waters so that additional homes and property could be saved; and

WHEREAS, Local fire fighters and police officers served their communities above and beyond the call of duty through tireless and life threatening efforts; and

WHEREAS, Organizations ranging from the National Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, and other military services stepped forward to work around the clock; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross established shelters for people left homeless by the carnage, and significant help came from established organizations such as the United Way, numerous area churches, hundreds of community groups, and fast assistance from area corporations; and

WHEREAS, The community spirit in each threatened town and city emerged like at no other time, where neighbor helped neighbor, community helped community, and even Mt. Vernon, Ohio, pitched in to help our state; and

WHEREAS, The true heroes of the disaster were the thousands of volunteers that gave many hours to filling and hauling sandbags, keeping hot coffee and food available for famished workers, and staying there until the job was done;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognizes and honors all the citizens of the state affected by the floods of 1990 for their perseverance in the face of hardship.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4624 adopted by the House of Representatives February 18, 1991.

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Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives