

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4681, by Representatives R. Johnson and Spanel

WHEREAS, On February 22, 1991, Fidalgo Bay in Anacortes, Washington experienced a potential environmental disaster; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan crude oil spilled into Fidalgo Bay and onto adjacent land, threatening the environment; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers from Anacortes, Bellingham, Everett, Mt. Vernon, San Juan Islands, Seattle, Sedro Woolley, Shelton, Tacoma, Vashon Island, and Vancouver, British Columbia were instrumental in minimizing environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Island Oil Spill Association, a first of its kind localized oil response team reacted immediately, efficiently, and effectively to the crisis; and

WHEREAS, Members of PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) working in the HOWL (Help Our Wildlife) wildlife rehabilitation center, labored tirelessly to save the lives of oil-soaked sea birds; and

WHEREAS, Federal, state, and local agencies stepped forward to work around the clock with precision and competence; and

WHEREAS, Private industry including Texaco, Foss Maritime, Clean Sound Inc., and Reidel Environmental Services, reacted with speed, reducing environmental damage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize and honor all the citizens of the state who participated in the quick and effective cleanup and restoration of Fidalgo Bay.