

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93-4656, by Representatives Edmondson, Lemmon, Lisk, Chandler, Rayburn and Hansen

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Yakima area has exhibited the highest level of excellence in winning the 1993 National Civic League's All American City Program's recognition as one of the top thirty All American Cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The National Civic League's All American City Program is the premiere community recognition program in the United States, and this year the 1993 National Civic League's All American City Program received the largest number of applications than at any previous time in its 50 year history, over 151 applications from throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce filed the application for recognition of the Greater Yakima area as an All American City, and focused on three projects which showed a strong community partnership, the Substance Abuse Coalition, the Yakima Greenway, and the Washington State Fairground renovation, such as the Sundome; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce All American City Committee consisted of Chairperson, Curtis King, Dr. Larry Petry, Jim Barnhill, Mal Arnett, Esther Huey, Bill Baker, Cee Vogt, Mel Wagner, Glenn Rice, Greg Stewart, and Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce General Manager, Gary Webster; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Yakima area was the only Northwest city, and one of only five cities in the western United States, to be given the honor of being recognized by the National Civic League's All American City Program as one of the top thirty All American Cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The choice of the Greater Yakima area as one of the top thirty All American Cities in the United States shows the commitment of all the citizens of the Greater Yakima area to help create a great community; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary accomplishment could not have been achieved without the support and encouragement of all the families, businesses, workers, and area residents, who have worked hard, and this achievement will always be remembered as a source of great pride to all the citizens of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Yakima area will be contending for recognition as one of the top ten All American Cities in Tampa, Florida on Saturday, May 22, 1993;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor the Greater Yakima area for its recognition by the National Civic League's All American City Program as one of the top thirty All American Cities in the United States for 1993, and encourage state-wide support for Greater Yakima area's selection as one of the top ten All American Cities in the United States for 1993; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Mayor of Yakima, Patricia Berndt, City Manager of Yakima, Dick Zais, the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce General Manager, Gary Webster, and the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce All American City Committee Chairperson, Curtis King.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4656 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 21, 1993.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk