

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93-4666, by Representatives Van Luven, Stevens, Sheahan, Vance, Morton, Thomas, Tate, Padden, Casada, Chandler, Sehlin, Silver, Fuhrman and Reams

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

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh has exhibited the highest level of excellence in his absolute commitment to truth, justice, and basic American values throughout his entire life; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh was born and raised in the small Midwestern town of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, learning the traditions and ethics that made America great; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh fell in love with radio in elementary school, became a Top-40 deejay in the 1960's, and held various other jobs, such as Director of Sales and Special Events for the Kansas City Royals, until he ultimately found his true calling as a radio talk show host at KFBK in Sacramento, California, in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh's radio show, The Rush Limbaugh Show, broadcast from his current home of New York City, went national in 1988 with fifty-eight radio stations, and is now heard by over fifteen million avid and devoted listeners on almost six hundred stations throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh also hosts a radio commentary, The Rush Limbaugh Morning Update, and a television show, The Rush Limbaugh Show, and writes a newsletter, The Limbaugh Letter; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh presently divides his time between his nationally syndicated daily three-hour radio talk show, his daily early-morning ninety-second radio commentary, his nationally syndicated daily late-night thirty-minute television show, his monthly newsletter, and his speaking engagements to hundreds of thousands of Dittoheads across the fruited plains; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh has served the people of the United States well throughout his years of tireless and prolific career by providing balanced, honest, and understandable information on the critical issues of our time with energy, humor, insight, and sophistication; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh has proved his unparalleled competence as an intelligent, knowledgeable, articulate, personable, fair-minded, and credible professional by being the preeminent radio show host in the history of the universe, by becoming the preeminent television show host in the history of the universe, and by authoring the runaway bestseller, The Way Things Ought To Be, his first book that climbed within days to become number one on The New York Times bestsellers list and has remained there for months; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh has been profiled on CBS's "60 Minutes" program and in numerous publications, including Time Magazine and USA Weekend, is a frequent guest on ABC's "Nightline" with Ted Koppel and on CNN's "Crossfire," has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," and the "Phil Donahue Show," has his third "Rush To Excellence Tour" video in distribution, and was the 1992 recipient of the Marconi Award for Syndicated Radio Personality of the Year, given by the National Association of

Broadcasters; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh is just a "harmless little fuzzball" who has created EIB, Excellence in Broadcasting, an extremely addictive airborne phenomenon spread by casual contact, for which millions of Americans have tested positive, and for which there is no cure, vaccine, or inoculation, yet it is not only harmless, but actually beneficial, to ones health; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh's extraordinary talents "on loan from God" have been made obvious to all by the judicious and wise use of the half of his brain that is not "tied behind his back to make it even" as he artfully and skillfully exercises his acerbic wit, astounding brilliance, provocative satire, animal magnetism, and huggable charm; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh... "a man, a legend, a way of life"... entertains, provokes, and persuades friends and enemies alike for hours every day on his no-holds-barred radio and television shows with a unique blend of conservatism, enthusiasm, panache, and common sense as he "says more in five seconds than most talk show hosts say in a whole show"; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh has spent his life serving humanity as "the epitome of morality and virtue" while on the "cutting edge of societal evolution" performing "liposuction on young skulls full of mush" and firing lethal shots with devastating aim at assorted "fringe wacko" ideologies; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh has paved the way for other broadcast professionals, like Mike Segal, and Mike Reagan, to hold those in power and their special interest supporters accountable to the people by shining the light of truth on their schemes to deprive the people of ever more of their money, property, and liberty; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh is not only a national phenomenon, but a national resource, who has been "documented to be almost always right 97.9% of the time," and who "does not need to be balanced with equal time because he is equal time"; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh can be summarized in only one word, incrediblesensationalamazinginspiringawesomephenomenal... "dadalup, dadalup, dadalup"; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh has millions of other patriotic Americans who agree with him when he says, "Ronald Reagan is my hero, the best president in my lifetime"; and

WHEREAS, Rush Limbaugh is a source of great pride to all the citizens of the state of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor Rush Limbaugh for the dedicated service that characterizes his life's work, for the outstanding example of diligence and excellence he has set for others, and for the hope that his future endeavors will bring him even greater levels of satisfaction and success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Rush Limbaugh, a man who truly is a "legend in his own time."