

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94-4685, by Representatives Thibaudeau, Anderson, Veloria, Leonard, Wang, Zellinsky, Shin, Foreman, Dyer, Brough, J. Kohl, Conway and Wineberry

WHEREAS, Tomio Moriguchi was appointed to the board of directors for the Seattle Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco on January 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, He has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Uwajimaya, Inc. since 1965; and

WHEREAS, He has long been recognized for his civic, political, and organizational leadership in the Japanese American community; and

WHEREAS, He has made valuable contributions to the stature of Seattle and the Puget Sound region in the national and international business communities; and

WHEREAS, He is well known and highly regarded for his role in revitalizing the International District neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, He has been deeply involved in issues of development in the International District as Vice-President of the International District Economic Association and the International District Improvement Association; and

WHEREAS, He exhibited great courage and pride in his Japanese American heritage by testifying at the Redress hearings regarding Japanese internment during World War II; and

WHEREAS, He has shown his dedication to the Japanese American community as an original founder and president of Nikkei Concerns; and

WHEREAS, He recognized and upheld the importance of caring for the elderly by helping to establish culturally appropriate, long-term care for the Japanese American aging population; and

WHEREAS, He has consistently applied his financial prowess to laudable efforts, such as securing capital to build the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home, and restabilizing North American Post Publishing, Inc., which publishes the only Japanese language newspaper in the Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in creating a support organization for small Japanese American businesses as a founding member of the Japanese American Chamber of Commerce in 1992; and

WHEREAS, He has served as an exemplary role model for Asian American and Pacific Islander youth with aspirations in the business field;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize, praise, and honor Tomio Moriguchi for his far reaching contributions to the citizens of Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Tomio Moriguchi and his children, Tyler Minoru and Denise Ritsuko.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4685 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 9, 1994.

Marilyn Showalter, Chief Clerk