

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94-4697, by Representatives J. Kohl, King, R. Fisher, Schmidt, Sommers, Anderson, G. Cole, Zellinsky and Wood

WHEREAS, The Maritime Industry encompasses cargo vessels, tug and barge companies, shipyards, ferries, fishers, seafood processors, recreational boaters, ship suppliers, maritime law firms, and government regulators; and

WHEREAS, The Maritime Industry in Washington is successful because of its linkage between companies, unions, ports, and state government; and

WHEREAS, The Maritime Industry in Washington provides one of the most vital trade links for Washington state to the Pacific Rim, Europe, and South America; and

WHEREAS, The Maritime Industry created the Washington State Maritime Commission, the first in the nation, to provide a rapid response for oil spills from cargo ships to protect the natural environment of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives congratulate all members of the Washington State Maritime Industry for their work in benefiting the state and for creating vitally important international and interstate trade links; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives express its appreciation for bringing the Maritime Industry to Olympia to share concerns and goals via the delicious Annual Maritime Day reception.