HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97-4667, by Representatives Regala, Alexander, Butler, Linville, Dunshee, Anderson, Blalock, Ogden, Cooper, O'Brien, Murray, Wood, Gardner, Lantz, Cole, Keiser, Quall, Romero, Conway, Veloria, H. Sommers, Mason, Parlette, Bush, Sehlin, Radcliff, Cooke and Morris

WHEREAS, April 22, 1997, marks the twenty-seventh Earth Day; and WHEREAS, This world-wide event is an annual opportunity for people around the world to recommit themselves to a healthy environment and sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, The number of people participating in Earth Day has grown from twenty million to more than two hundred million people in one hundred forty-one countries; and

WHEREAS, Since the first Earth Day in 1970, Congress has enacted a number of important environmental laws protecting our air, water, lands, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, More Americans now understand that air, water, soil, forests, minerals, rivers, lakes, oceans, scenic beauty, wildlife habitats, and biodiversity constitute the wealth of the nation; and

WHEREAS, The protection of these resources help stimulate our economy, enhance our quality of life, and ensure a viable future for our children and grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize our obligation to protect the planet and the state of Washington for future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the efforts and activities of Earth Day events scheduled in communities throughout Washington and around the world.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4667 adopted by the House of Representatives April 22, 1997.