

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4609, by Representatives Pflug, Boldt, Cody, Dunn, Conway, D. Schmidt and Thomas

WHEREAS, All citizens should be made aware of the safe, proper, effective, and efficient use of medications; and

WHEREAS, Nearly half of the medicines prescribed in this country are used incorrectly, thus contributing to prolonged illnesses, avoidable side effects, and unnecessary hospitalizations which could be prevented; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of our schools, public agencies, and private pharmacy organizations are instrumental in educating the public about safe and proper medication use; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are devoted to improving patient health care outcomes in cooperation with other health care providers in our community, hospital, managed care, nursing home, home health care, and research and industry settings; and

WHEREAS, Over the past ten years, national polls have continuously ranked pharmacists as the most highly respected professionals in America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the high quality, cost-effective health care provided by pharmacists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to the state board of pharmacy, the secretary of the department of health, and the president of the Washington state pharmacists association.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4609 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 2, 1999.

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Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

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Dean R. Foster, Co-Chief Clerk