

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4620, by Representatives Edmonds, Kagi, D. Schmidt, Thomas and Pflug

WHEREAS, CRISTA Ministries for fifty years has pursued a mission of social accountability and compassion to people in all walks of life throughout the state of Washington and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, In 1949 CRISTA founder, Mike Martin, leased the abandoned fifty-five-acre Firlands Tuberculosis Sanatorium from King County for just one dollar per year; and

WHEREAS, As condition of the lease, King County required "King's Garden," or CRISTA Ministries as it is known today, to establish a "rest home" in order to help support its ministry to young people; and

WHEREAS, Today one man's vision grew to become ten distinct ministries providing meaningful vocation to one thousand two hundred fifty individuals and countless volunteers in Washington State, who serve people in need at varying stages of life; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Washington State and the world's impoverished communities are served through the ten ministries of CRISTA, which include a specialized education program for at-risk urban youth, two continuing care retirement communities for seven hundred eighty seniors that offers life with dignity and purpose, a pre-K through 12 school system, a camps program which hosts four thousand young campers annually, a family counseling service, three radio stations, an employment and career placement network, an AIDS outreach program, international and domestic adoption and pregnancy counseling programs, and a worldwide relief organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hereby recognize and honor CRISTA Ministries for its fifty-year legacy of "bringing hope to life."

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4620 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 17, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

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