

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4627, by Representatives Ogden, Lambert, Pflug, Dunn, D. Schmidt, Linville, Lovick, Thomas and Hankins

WHEREAS, The year 1999 marks the two hundredth anniversary of the death of America's founding father, George Washington; and

WHEREAS, George Washington was the indispensable figure in the creation of the United States of America and served our nation as its first commander in chief and president with unparalleled distinction; and

WHEREAS, George Washington modeled for the world the peaceful transference power, a cornerstone of democracy; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, in the first presidential inaugural address, challenged all Americans with the task of preserving for all ages the "sacred fire of liberty"; and

WHEREAS, In 1853, the Territory of Washington was named for this national hero; and

WHEREAS, In 1889 the State of Washington joined the Union as the forty-second State and became the only state named for a President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim 1999 as George Washington Year to celebrate the life and legacies of George Washington: First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4627 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 15, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk