

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4635, by Representatives Anderson, Barlean, Skinner, Thomas and Pflug

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to honor meritorious service and to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, As modern society continues to grow more complex with each passing year, the necessity for innovative people becomes even more apparent; and

WHEREAS, No nation can function effectively without the most efficient waste management systems; and

WHEREAS, Paul F. Brewer has been a leader in the field of waste recycling as the director of Solid Waste Management at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island; and

WHEREAS, Paul F. Brewer has been the driving force behind the successful Navy Whidbey Recycle program; and

WHEREAS, The Navy Whidbey Recycle program has received numerous awards, including the White House "Closing the Loop" Award, and drawn praise from, among others, Vice President Albert Gore, Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive, the National Awards Council for Environmental Sustainability, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Chief of Naval Operations; and

WHEREAS, In a state already known for its innovative and progressive recycling efforts, the recycling program at Naval Air Station Whidbey stands out as a leader in waste reduction and completing the loop by encouraging the purchase of products made of recycled materials; and

WHEREAS, The Navy Whidbey Recycle program serves not only Naval Air Station Whidbey, but also its thirty-five thousand neighbors in the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Because of the Navy Whidbey Recycle program, Naval Air Station Whidbey and its neighbors now recycle as much as six thousand five hundred tons of material a year, saving taxpayers at least \$1.5 million a year in disposal costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions to our environment and our community by Paul F. Brewer and the Navy Whidbey Recycle program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Mr. Paul F. Brewer.

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