

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4653, by Representatives Stensen, Kastama, Wolfe, Santos, Wood, O'Brien, Doumit, Eickmeyer, Dunshee, Morris, Murray, Gombosky, Hatfield, Regala, McIntire, Tokuda, H. Sommers, Anderson, Edmonds, Lantz, Schual-Berke, Romero, Hurst, Rockefeller, Fisher, Scott, Ruderman, Reardon, Haigh, Keiser, Edwards, Constantine, Cooper, Conway, Quall, Veloria, Kenney, Cody, Fortunato, Kagi, Linville, Lambert, McMorris, D. Schmidt, Huff, Wensman, Ballasiotes, Radcliff, K. Schmidt, Mitchell, G. Chandler, Thomas, Mulliken, Hankins, Esser, Skinner, Carlson and Talcott

WHEREAS, The family is the cornerstone of our nation and state, and children are the future of society; and

WHEREAS, The care and nurturing of children has traditionally been the responsibility of biological parents with support of the neighborhood and community; and

WHEREAS, Changes in social structure have resulted in some biological parents unable to appropriately care for their children; and

WHEREAS, Grandparents and other relatives step forward and assume the full, daily parental responsibility for the children of relatives; and

WHEREAS, Relatives face emotional, financial, legal, and day-to-day living challenges in their efforts to provide children a healthy and safe life; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature recognizes that there is a significant increase in relatives who are raising family children; and

WHEREAS, There are nearly eighty-six thousand grandparent-headed households with children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington acknowledge and honor the contributions of relatives raising children; 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 Governor.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4653 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 21, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk