

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4694, by Representatives Ballard, Chopp, Alexander, Anderson, Ballasiotes, Barlean, Benson, Boldt, Buck, Bush, Cairnes, Campbell, Carlson, Carrell, B. Chandler, G. Chandler, Clements, Cody, Constantine, Conway, Cooper, Cox, Crouse, DeBolt, Delvin, Dickerson, Doumit, Dunn, Dunshee, Edmonds, Edwards, Eickmeyer, Ericksen, Esser, Fisher, Fortunato, Gombosky, Grant, Haigh, Hankins, Hatfield, Huff, Hurst, Kagi, Kastama, Keiser, Kenney, Kessler, Koster, Lambert, Lantz, Linville, Lisk, Lovick, Mastin, McDonald, McIntire, McMorris, Mielke, Miloscia, Mitchell, Morris, Mulliken, Murray, O'Brien, Ogden, Parlette, Pennington, Pflug, Poulsen, Quall, Radcliff, Reardon, Regala, Rockefeller, Romero, Ruderman, Santos, D. Schmidt, Schindler, K. Schmidt, Schoesler, Schual-Berke, Scott, Skinner, D. Sommers, H. Sommers, Stensen, Sullivan, Sump, Talcott, Thomas, Tokuda, Van Luven, Veloria, Wensman, Wolfe and Wood

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the House of Representatives to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford exhibited the highest level of excellence in his long and distinguished career as a photographer; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford was born in Aberdeen, Washington on June 7, 1934; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford participated in the Boy Scouts throughout his school years, and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford graduated from Weatherwax High School in 1952 and went on to serve in the United States Navy, where he worked in the Armed Forces Radio Service; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford, after leaving the Navy, worked at a number of television and radio stations, including eight years at KTNT TV in Tacoma and four years at KING TV in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford worked in a variety of positions, including announcer, producer, and news photographer; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Ronald James Sanford started his own freelance news-film agency in Olympia and for the next twenty-five years provided news footage of the Legislature and state government to television stations around the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford mastered the photographic standards and practices that make American photographic journalism the most respected in the world; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford produced numerous documentaries and promotional videos, and was frequently recognized for his outstanding work; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford was a familiar figure around the Capitol campus and the Legislative Building and a friend to generations of lawmakers, staff members, lobbyists, and journalists throughout his long and prodigious career; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford exemplified the quiet dignity and dedication that inspires others to pursue excellence both in their craft and in their character; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford performed his job with energy, humor, fairness, class, and a love of adventure; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford, shortly after his retirement in 1997, was diagnosed with aggressive lymphoma and with typical courage and optimism, battled the disease for fifteen months; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford died on November 6, 1998, at the University of Washington Medical Center, where he was undergoing a stem cell transplant; and

WHEREAS, Ronald James Sanford was a source of great pride to the members of his profession, the Legislature, and the citizenry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor Ronald James Sanford for the values, decency, and dedicated service that characterized his life's work, and for the outstanding example of dignity, diligence, and excellence he set for others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to his beloved wife, Carole Sanford.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4694 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 23, 1999.