

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2000-4802, by Representatives Benson, Barlean, Cairnes, Crouse, Delvin, Sump, G. Chandler, Schindler, McMorris, Carlson, Wood, Ogden, Cox, DeBolt, Ericksen, Woods, McDonald, Carrell, Buck, Ballard, Mielke, Clements, Mulliken, Skinner, Ballasiotes, Parlette, Alexander, Talcott, Thomas, Boldt, Anderson, Bush, Campbell, B. Chandler, Chopp, Cody, Constantine, Conway, Cooper, Dickerson, Doumit, Dunn, Dunshee, Edmonds, Edwards, Eickmeyer, Esser, Fisher, Fortunato, Gombosky, Grant, Haigh, Hankins, Hatfield, Huff, Hurst, Kagi, Kastama, Keiser, Kenney, Kessler, Koster, Lambert, Lantz, Linville, Lisk, Lovick, Mastin, McIntire, Miloscia, Mitchell, Morris, Murray, O'Brien, Pennington, Pflug, Poulsen, Quall, Radcliff, Reardon, Regala, Rockefeller, Romero, Ruderman, Santos, D. Schmidt, Schoesler, Schual-Berke, Scott, D. Sommers, H. Sommers, Stensen, Sullivan, Tokuda, Van Luven, Veloria, Wensman and Wolfe

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

WHEREAS, Duane Sommers has exhibited true excellence during his tenure as State Representative for the citizens of the 6th Legislative District, made up of part of the City of Spokane, part of Spokane Valley, and the southwest portion of Spokane County including Moran Prairie, the northern portion of the West Plains and a portion of the City of Airway Heights; and

WHEREAS, Duane Sommers was born and raised in Spokane, Washington where he has lived all his adult life; and

WHEREAS, Duane Sommers and his wife, Mae, have four adult children and ten grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Duane Sommers has a B.S. in Microbiology and Public Health from Washington State University, and a M.P.H. in Public Health from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Duane Sommers is owner/manager of Planning Associates, Inc., a consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, Duane Sommers has served as former Chairman of the Spokane County Republican Party, member of the Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce, past President of the Washington State Public Health Association, former Regent of Northwest Christian Schools, member of the Downtown Spokane Rotary Club, Chairman of Life Skills Education Center in Spokane, and as a former Lt. Col. in the United States Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Duane Sommers served as State Representative from the 6th Legislative District from 1987-93, as Assistant Minority Whip 1989-91, as Assistant Minority Floor Leader 1991-93, and was appointed State Representative from the 6th District in 1995, and reelected in 1996 and 1998, served as former Chairman of the Legislative Ethics Committee, Cochair of the Children and Family Services Committee, and as a member of the Economic Development, Housing and Trade Executive Committee, the Joint Committee on Pension Policy, and the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Duane Sommers is respected for his sincerity, his honesty, his kindness, and his friendship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor Duane Sommers for his years of dedicated service, his personal and professional integrity, and his faithfulness to the principles and ideals that he worked so diligently for; 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 Duane Sommers.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4802 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 27, 2000.