

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2000-4804, by Representatives Ballard, Lisk, Alexander, Anderson, Ballasiotes, Barlean, Benson, Boldt, Buck, Bush, Cairnes, Campbell, Carlson, Carrell, B. Chandler, G. Chandler, Chopp, 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, 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, Schoesler, Schual-Berke, Scott, Skinner, D. Sommers, H. Sommers, Stensen, Sullivan, Sump, Talcott, Thomas, Tokuda, Van Luven, Veloria, Wensman, Wolfe, Wood and Woods

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the House of Representatives to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and
WHEREAS, Tom Huff has honorably served the people of his community, his Legislative District, and the state of Washington with extraordinary excellence; and

WHEREAS, Tom Huff was born and raised on a farm in Mandan, North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Tom Huff graduated from Sumner High School in Sumner, Washington, and attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington and Knapps Business College in Tacoma, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Tom Huff retired as an executive with Sears, Roebuck and Company beginning his forty-year career at the Tacoma Sears store and working his way up through local, regional, and headquarters executive positions; and

WHEREAS, Tom Huff served three terms in the Washington State House of Representatives as State Representative from the 26th Legislative District, serving Gig Harbor, Key Peninsula, Port Orchard, and portions of Bremerton and Tacoma, from 1995 through the present with his current term expiring in January 2001; and

WHEREAS, Tom Huff served as Chair and Co-Chair of the House Appropriations Committee and as a member of the House Office of Program Research Employment Committee, State Investment Board, Caseload Forecast Council, and Pension Funding Council; and

WHEREAS, Tom Huff has been active in numerous civic and business organizations throughout the state and country, including as President of the Minterbrook Water Company, President of the Minterbrook Homeowners Association, Treasurer of the Seattle Better Business Bureau, Member of the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Officer of the Pierce County Fair, Member of the Tacoma Elks, President of the Toastmasters Club, President of the South Sacramento Rotary Club, Member of the West Seattle and Lynnwood Rotary Clubs, Board Chairman of the Sacramento YMCA, President of the St. Madeleine Sophie Pastoral Council, Bellevue, Member of St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus, Member of St. Nicholas Parish, Chair of the Association of Washington Business's Washington Retail Council, and Chair and Legislative Liaison of the Washington Retail Association; and

WHEREAS, Tom Huff has received many honors and recognitions over the years, including the 1997 National Retail Federation's Legislator of the Year Award, the 1997 Washington State Dental Association Distinguished Legislator Award, and the 1995 Washington State Federation of Clubs Legislator of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Tom Huff and his wife, Mary Ann, live in the Gig Harbor area, have been married forty-four years, and have four adult children and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tom Huff has sacrificially served throughout his long and distinguished private and public careers as an outstanding role model for his colleagues, coworkers, and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor Tom Huff for his years of dedicated commitment, his personal and professional integrity, and his respect and admiration for the institutions 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 Tom Huff.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4804 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 27, 2000.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerk