

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4635, by Representatives Campbell, Darneille, Pflug, Armstrong, Skinner, Conway, Veloria, McDermott, Mulliken, Morell, Talcott, Esser and Anderson

WHEREAS, April 6th has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled after that inspirational document; and

WHEREAS, Scottish-Americans played a major role in the founding of this Nation, including the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, and Scottish-Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times; and

WHEREAS, Monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish-Americans have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Famous Scottish-Americans include such luminaries as Neil Armstrong, Alexander Graham Bell, Andrew Carnegie, Thomas Alva Edison, William Faulkner, Malcolm Forbes, Billy Graham, Alexander Hamilton, Washington Irving, John Paul Jones, John Marshall, Andrew Mellon, Samuel F.B. Morse, James Naismith, Edgar Allen Poe, Gilbert Stuart, Elizabeth Taylor, General Douglas MacArthur, and Arnold Palmer, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate has officially recognized April 6th as national Tartan Day; and—

WHEREAS, More than two hundred thousand organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish heritage, tradition, and culture and that represent the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every state, including Washington, have made the observance of Tartan Day on April 6th a success; and

WHEREAS, These numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of Washington State recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish-Americans to the United States of America and April 6th as "National Tartan Day."

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4635 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 23, 2001.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerk