

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2002-4685, by Representatives Morell, Casada, Roach, Bush, Hankins, Skinner, Mitchell and Ballasiotes

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society is one of almost 400 local chapters and affiliates of the American Rose Society, an educational nonprofit national organization, with a membership over 24,000 people, dedicated exclusively to the cultivation and enjoyment of roses; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society, formed only a decade ago and considered a relative newcomer as a society, has grown to achieve a membership of more than 300 members, 80 to 100 of whom attend every meeting making it a model for the modern rose society; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses, want to expand their knowledge of rose culture, and will travel from well outside the Puyallup area to be members of The Puyallup Rose Society; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society hosts three annual Rose Shows at the Puyallup Fair in downtown Puyallup, Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society has an annual exhibition at the Supermall in Auburn, Washington, that is as large as the largest rose shows in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society voluntarily plants gardens like the one at The Old Soldiers' Home in Orting, Washington, and participates in many public information activities throughout the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society, one of the most active rose societies in the nation, has determined to bring attention to the existence of the American Rose Society and its declaration that the year 2002 be established as The Year of the Rose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and honor the many contributions made over the past ten years to our state by the Puyallup Rose Society of Puyallup, Washington, affiliated with the American Rose Society, during this The Year of the Rose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Officers of the 2002 Puyallup Rose Society.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
4685 Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives
January 25, 2002.

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk