

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4620, by Representatives Chopp, Kessler, Lovick, Fromhold, Newhouse, Wallace, Orcutt, Mielke and Moeller

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the Washington State House of Representatives to acknowledge heroic acts by citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, Vancouver Naval Sea Cadet Charles Stauder III, without regard for his own safety, responded quickly, heroically, and with great determination recently in preventing and warding off tragedy during an overnight Sea Cadet drill; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Stauder, a twelve-year-old student at Discovery Middle School in Vancouver, discovered dense and very threatening smoke in his barrack's galley; and

WHEREAS, A young man with fortitude and quick-thinking skills far beyond his years, Cadet Stauder raced to alert damage-control personnel and then secured a fire extinguisher to put out the fire himself; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Stauder was awarded the Distinguished Service Ribbon for Heroism for his courageous and beneficent devotion both to his shipmates and to the highest, most honorable traditions of the United States Navy and the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps; and

WHEREAS, This Vancouver hero, already a three-year veteran as a junior Sea Cadet, will receive a well-earned promotion to the Fort Vancouver Sea Cadet Senior Division when he attains his thirteenth birthday; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Stauder, a student at Discovery Middle School in Vancouver, was warmly saluted by the Commanding Officer of the Fort Vancouver Division; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of the Sea Cadets exhibited by this young man's heroic response to a very dangerous situation was "in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy and the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps," and further Cadet Stauder's heroism also brings "great credit upon himself, his family, and the Corps"; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Stauder and his peers in the Sea Cadets learn about courage, self-reliance, confidence, patriotism, and other admirable qualities in their service in the Naval Sea Cadet organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor the spirit, the courage, and the mettle of Naval Sea Cadet Charles Stauder III; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Naval Sea Cadet Charles Stauder III and his family, to the Fort Vancouver Sea Cadet Division, and to Discovery Middle School.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4620 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 18, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk