

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4697, by Representative Upthegrove

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

WHEREAS, The year 2004 marks the two hundred fifth anniversary of the death of America's Founding Father, George Washington; and

WHEREAS, George Washington's success in life was built upon the values instilled in him by his mother, Mary Ball Washington, who educated him at home; and

WHEREAS, George Washington is remembered as the "Father of His Country" and served his nation as its first Commander-in-Chief and President with unparalleled commitment and distinction; and

WHEREAS, George Washington showed great fortitude and courage as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary war and continued his distinguished service to his country as its first President; and

WHEREAS, The year 2004 marks the one hundred ninety-fifth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, of humble beginnings, being raised in a log cabin, cleared land and split rails, and although he gained the distinction of being a great statesman with impeccable morals, never lost sight of his humble beginnings or the values he shared with the common man; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln demonstrated great tenacity and commitment by educating himself in the profession of law and following an apprenticeship, earned the reputation of a skilled and talented member of the bar as well as an eloquent and accomplished orator; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln in his first term courageously faced the challenge of preserving the Union by leading the campaign to victory in the Civil War, yet in his second term embraced the concept of "Malice toward none, with charity for all" as he valiantly set about rebuilding the Union; and

WHEREAS, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln both served their country unselfishly, charitably, graciously, patriotically, and honorably and continue to be both an inspiration and example to all politicians and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on this sixteenth day of February, 2004, the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor the first and sixteenth Presidents of these United States for their immeasurable contributions to, and noble sacrifices for, the cause of liberty, equality, and justice.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4697 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 16, 2004

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk