

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4701, by Representatives Kenney, Chandler, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Armstrong, Bailey, Benson, Blake, Boldt, Buck, Bush, Cairnes, Campbell, Carrell, Chase, Chopp, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Cooper, Cox, Crouse, Darneille, DeBolt, Delvin, Dickerson, Dunshee, Edwards, Eickmeyer, Ericksen, Flannigan, Fromhold, Grant, Haigh, Hankins, Hatfield, Hinkle, Holmquist, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jarrett, Kagi, Kessler, Kirby, Kristiansen, Lantz, Linville, Lovick, Mastin, McCoy, McDermott, McDonald, McIntire, McMahan, McMorris, Mielke, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Murray, Newhouse, Nixon, O'Brien, Orcutt, Ormsby, Pearson, Pettigrew, Priest, Quall, Roach, Rockefeller, Rodne, Romero, Ruderman, Santos, Schindler, Schoesler, Schual-Berke, Sehlin, Shabro, D. Simpson, G. Simpson, Skinner, Sommers, Sullivan, Sump, Talcott, Tom, Uptegrove, Veloria, Wallace, Wood and Woods

WHEREAS, 150 years ago Governor Stevens proclaimed January 30, 1854, as the date for election of the first legislative assembly thus electing 9 members to the council and 17 members to the house of representatives; and

WHEREAS, 150 years ago today on February 27, 1854, 9 newly elected members of the council and 17 newly elected members of the house of representatives arrived in Olympia on foot, horseback, by canoe, or small boat to convene the very first legislative assembly on the second floor of the Parker-Coulter Dry Goods Store on Main Street; and

WHEREAS, We honor those pioneers who became landmark figures in the history of their respective communities and provided each with a notion of government based on fairness, the rule of law over the rule of man, and the best ideals of our nation at the time; and

WHEREAS, Many counties, cities, and historical organizations are currently celebrating Washington State's sesquicentennial;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on the people of the State of Washington to join us in recognizing and honoring its first lawmakers on this day, February 27, 2004, the anniversary of the first convening of the Washington State Territorial Legislature.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4701 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 27, 2004

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk