

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2007-4612, by Representatives DeBolt and Roach

WHEREAS, Karen Bolin was born as Karen Frances in Barberton, Ohio, on July 24, 1953; and

WHEREAS, Karen loved her family very much, marrying John Bolin in 1974 and possessing a close marriage highlighted by mutual devotion, fun, and adventure, raising two wonderful children, Ehren and Elaine, enjoying one adorable grandson, Colin, and remaining very close to her sister, Jane Chaney; and

WHEREAS, Karen Bolin was a 27-year resident of Auburn and worked as a bookseller at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Federal Way; and

WHEREAS, Karen enjoyed gardening and especially motorcycle riding, an activity she began with her husband John in the late 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Her interest in motorcycle riding led Karen to become involved as one of the original members of the Washington Road Riders Association, a group that now has more than 500 members; and

WHEREAS, Karen distinguished herself in the Washington State Legislature as an official and lobbyist for the Washington Road Riders Association, advocating for issues and causes benefiting motorcycling, as well as helping to improve several bills affecting motorcyclists; and

WHEREAS, Karen Bolin helped broaden the influence of motorcyclists by using her very bright mind, political savvy, and astute observations, and showing motorcyclists how to work constructively with legislators and other officials; and

WHEREAS, Karen's dynamic and friendly personality, excellent sense of humor, and loyalty to principles earned her many friends and admirers in Olympia and throughout the motorcycling community in Washington and other states; and

WHEREAS, Although Karen Bolin lost her battle to cancer on October 30, 2006, she fought her battle to the end with courage, strength, and inspiration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington remember and honor the life and work of Karen Bolin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Karen's husband, John Bolin, and her two children, Ehren Bolin and Elaine Bolin-Parsons.