<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4679</u>, by Representatives Anderson, Morris, Newhouse, Santos, Grant, Alexander, Kessler, Ericks, Dunshee, Hankins, Skinner, and Conway

WHEREAS, Thousands of Freemasons throughout Washington State have made numerous contributions to the state throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, Freemasons, whose long history precedes Washington's achievement of statehood, have set an example of high moral standards and generous sacrificial charity for all people; and

WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers of this great state of Washington, many of whom were Freemasons, provided a balanced and principled basis for developing themselves and others into valuable citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Masonic Fraternity, both individually and as an organization, continue to make invaluable charitable contributions of service to the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Masonic Fraternity continues to provide for the charitable relief and education of the citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Masonic Fraternity is deserving of formal recognition of their long history of caregiving for the citizenry and their example of high moral standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize the thousands of Freemasons of Washington and honor them for their many contributions to our State throughout its history.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4679 adopted by the House of Representatives February 29, 2008

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk