

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4715, by Representatives Chopp, DeBolt, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Barlow, Blake, Campbell, Chandler, Chase, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Crouse, Darneille, Dickerson, Dunn, Dunshee, Eddy, Eickmeyer, Ericks, Ericksen, Flannigan, Goodman, Grant, Green, Haigh, Hailey, Haler, Hankins, Hasegawa, Herrera, Hinkle, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jarrett, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kessler, Kirby, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lantz, Liias, Linville, Loomis, McCoy, McCune, McDonald, McIntire, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Nelson, Newhouse, O'Brien, Orcutt, Ormsby, Pearson, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Priest, Quall, Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Rolfes, Ross, Santos, Schindler, Schmick, Schual-Berke, Seaquist, Sells, Simpson, Skinner, Smith, Sommers, Springer, Sullivan, Sump, Takko, Upthegrove, VanDeWege, Wallace, Walsh, Warnick, Williams, and Wood

WHEREAS, Washington State Representative Bill Fromhold is serving his fourth term of distinguished, dedicated, and diligent service to the citizens of Clark County, and to all the people of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Having established a reputation for bipartisanship and collegiality, Representative Fromhold has announced that he will not seek reelection to the Washington State Legislature this year; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fromhold and his supportive and devoted wife, Marcia, are long-time residents of the city of Vancouver, Washington, USA; and

WHEREAS, A native of the state of Washington and alumnus of Stadium High School in Tacoma, Olympic College in Bremerton, and the University of Puget Sound, Representative Fromhold spent all of his educational years in Washington schools; and

WHEREAS, Having achieved the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army, Representative Fromhold dedicated four years of active and two years of reserve service to our country; and

WHEREAS, His career path includes professional experience in the banking field, obtained during his tenure as Vice President, Municipal Finance of Seafirst Bank in Seattle, which gave him valuable insight into the details of providing and financing effective public services; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fromhold has undoubtedly touched the lives of thousands of Washington students during his years in the education field, most notably as Superintendent of Educational Service District #112, and this district is the better for having had his leadership and experience for many years; and

WHEREAS, During his time as Superintendent, Bill Fromhold built a successful child care program, which is a business-education partnership that has grown to twenty-two sites in southwest Washington; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his dedication to education issues, Representative Fromhold has also been, and continues to be, highly involved in the local business community and a strong supporter of small business, as evidenced by his former role as President/CEO of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast commitment to furthering education shown by Representative Fromhold has been a hallmark of his legislative career, during which he has consistently supported efforts to make Washington's education system a first-class one, and the people of Washington state are the better for his actions and service; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Clark County and the greater southwest Washington area are fortunate to have Clark College and Washington State University at Vancouver, two fine institutions of higher learning, located in their area, and Representative Fromhold has been an advocate for both institutions, having served as a past Board member for Clark College, and as a member of the WSU Foundation and the WSUV Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, During a legislative career that will forever be looked upon with admiration and respect, Representative Fromhold has focused on doing good for the people of Washington, and has made many friends both within the Legislature and without; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Marcia Fromhold have between them two daughters and two sons, of whom they are most proud, and a total of five delightful grandchildren, to whom they are extremely devoted; and

WHEREAS, Bill Fromhold is an avid fisherman and recreational boater who greatly enjoys the beauty of the northwest and is eager to spend more time with the fish and his grandchildren, although not necessarily in that order; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature will not be the same without him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington celebrate and commemorate the grand and distinguished legislative, professional and, most of all, personal career of Washington State Representative Bill Fromhold; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Washington State Representative Bill Fromhold and the members of his family.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4715 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 13, 2008

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk