

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4716, 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, Fromhold, Goodman, Grant, Green, Haigh, Hailey, Haler, Hankins, Hasegawa, Herrera, Hinkle, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jarrett, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kessler, Kirby, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lantz, Lias, 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, Seaquist, Sells, Simpson, Skinner, Smith, Sommers, Springer, Sullivan, Sump, Takko, Upthegrove, VanDeWege, Wallace, Walsh, Warnick, Williams, and Wood

WHEREAS, Washington State Representative Shay Schual-Berke, M.D. is serving her fifth term of distinguished dedication to the interests and well-being of the citizens of King county, and to the interests and well-being of all the people of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Representative Schual-Berke has announced that she will not seek reelection to the Washington State Legislature this fall; and

WHEREAS, Representative Schual-Berke and her husband, Dr. Dan Schual-Berke, live in Normandy Park; and

WHEREAS, Born in New York, Representative Schual-Berke has touched down in professional and wholly committed fidelity to diverse communities, now more special communities for her having been there, all across this great land; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and the New York Medical College, Representative Schual-Berke practiced medicine until 1992 when she retired to devote herself to child rearing and service to her community, including contributing her immeasurable talents as a member of the Highline School Board; and

WHEREAS, Even to this very day, the presence, influence, and quintessence of Representative Schual-Berke is felt through her allegiance to community service as a board member of the Mount Rainier High School Foundation, the Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Wesley Homes, and the Mothers Against Violence in America; and

WHEREAS, The dedication of Representative Schual-Berke has helped to pass legislation regarding mental health parity, simple majority for school levies, and the "Patient's Bill of Rights"; and

WHEREAS, Representative Shay Schual-Berke has been recognized for her legislative accomplishments and leadership by a number of organizations, she was named a Flemming Fellow by the Center for Policy Alternatives in 2000; she received the Washington Association of School Administrators Golden Gavel Award in 2007; she was a recipient of the King County Bar Association President's Choice Award in 2006; and was named a Rising Star by Washington Law and Politics Magazine in 1999; and

WHEREAS, During a legislative career that will forever be modeled by women and men in our own and in other state governments, Representative Schual-Berke has placed maximum importance on bettering our schools, improving access to health care, demanding accountability from government, and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Shay and Dan Schual-Berke have raised two exemplary sons; and

WHEREAS, Her willingness to examine policy critically and insist on small but important improvements and her commitment to involving every citizen in the state legislative process, from individuals to businesses and local government officials, is a standard for all who would make our representative democracy truly representative; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington celebrate and commemorate the distinguished legislative, professional, and, most of all, personal career of Washington State Representative Shay Schual-Berke; 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 Shay Schual-Berke and to her family.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4716 adopted by the House of Representatives  
March 13, 2008

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk