

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2009-4639, by Representative Morris

WHEREAS, We are all judged by how we react in the face of adversity that each of us must overcome in our lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, These tests of character show our true colors – whether we run and hide, or whether we encounter and conquer these obstacles; and

WHEREAS, We are here today to recognize someone who overcame great hardship in her own life, someone that not only knocked down barriers, but became an example to others in the process; and

WHEREAS, A heart attack struck sixteen year old Logan Olson in 2001, and she suddenly had to contend with a very grown-up situation; and

WHEREAS, Logan battled back, fighting through a coma and confronting seven months of rehabilitation during which she had to relearn the basic skills we take for granted; and

WHEREAS, Logan continued the day-to-day process of recovery after she left the hospital; and

WHEREAS, While she continued the fight for normalcy, Logan sought comfort in the personal effects she enjoyed before her hospital stay; and

WHEREAS, A tube of lipstick is tough to use with an unsteady hand, and designer jeans won't button when fingers don't cooperate; and

WHEREAS, Logan and her mom, Laurie, searched for a resource that catered to young women with disabilities – a publication that would advise people in Logan's shoes about things like shoes and a young woman with Logan's make up talking about makeup; and

WHEREAS, Because nothing like that existed, Logan and Laurie took matters into their own hands and created Logan Magazine in 2004 – a publication that features young women like Logan; and

WHEREAS, The magazine covers everything from tips on easy-to-handle clothes and makeup, to stories of inspiration about other young people who have overcome disabilities; and

WHEREAS, It has expanded throughout the United States and into other countries, spreading disability awareness with informative and heartwarming personal success stories and current events; and

WHEREAS, There are only two people that grace the cover of their own magazine every month – Oprah and Logan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor Logan and Laurie Olson for the service and inspiration they provide us as they break down barriers for others with disabilities, and remind all of us who face adversity to "Live Out Loud."