

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2009-4648, by Representatives Liias, Pettigrew, Van De Wege, Simpson, and Hope

WHEREAS, Kenneth "Kenny" Hoefner began his career as a firefighter in 1959, years before fire trucks had power steering or crew cabs; and

WHEREAS, Hoefner fought fires and provided emergency assistance before CPR and defibrillators existed; and

WHEREAS, His fifty years of service is the longest known firefighting career in the Seattle area; and

WHEREAS, In the last forty-three years, Kenny Hoefner has not taken a single sick day, exemplifying his dedication to his profession; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Hoefner fought some of the largest fires in the area's history, including four fires at Todd Shipyards and the multialarm fire at the Polson Building on the Seattle waterfront in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Hoefner established the M. Kenneth Hoefner Scholarship Fund to help the children of fellow firefighters pay for a college education; and

WHEREAS, Hoefner's personal contributions to the fund have totaled more than \$500,000 over the years; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the scholarship distributed more than \$47,000 to degree seeking children of firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Hoefner has served his community honorably and with excellence for the last five decades as he celebrates his retirement after fifty years of dedication to the City of Seattle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Kenneth "Kenny" Hoefner's legacy of service and dedication to his community and fellow firefighters, and extend best wishes to him in his retirement from the Seattle Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Kenneth Hoefner, the Seattle Firefighters Union Local 27, and the Seattle Fire Department.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4648 adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 15, 2009

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk