

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4404**

63rd Legislature  
2013 Regular Session

Adopted by the House March 22, 2013

CERTIFICATE

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4404** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**President of the Senate**

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**Chief Clerk**

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**By** Representatives Chopp, DeBolt, Alexander, Angel, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Crouse, Dahlquist, Dunshee, Fagan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Freeman, Goodman, Green, Habib, Haigh, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Holy, Hope, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lias, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, Maxwell, McCoy, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Moscoso, Nealey, O'Ban, Orcutt, Ormsby, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Roberts, Rodne, Ross, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Seaquist, Sells, Shea, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Stonier, Sullivan, Takko, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Vick, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, Wylie, and Zeiger

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1           WHEREAS, Our nation and our state have lost an outstanding public  
2 servant, a distinguished leader, and a man of great warmth and  
3 compassion with the passing this week of the 19th governor of  
4 Washington, William Booth Gardner; and

5           WHEREAS, In adhering to the honorable principles that guided him  
6 throughout his life, Booth Gardner fashioned an exemplary record of  
7 accomplishment that should serve as an inspiration to us all; and

8           WHEREAS, His stature as a community leader, governor, and crusader  
9 for human dignity will surely grow in the years to come; and

10           WHEREAS, William Booth Gardner was born in Tacoma on August 21,  
11 1936, and after high school enrolled at the University of Washington;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, While an undergraduate, Booth Gardner coached and tutored  
14 underprivileged children at parks and recreation centers in Seattle,  
15 where he said, "I realized I could make a difference in people's  
16 lives," a lesson he was to keep with him throughout his career; and

17           WHEREAS, Booth Gardner earned a bachelor's degree in business  
18 administration at the University of Washington, and later a master's  
19 degree in business administration at Harvard University; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1970, Booth Gardner was elected to the Washington State  
2 Senate from Pierce County; and

3           WHEREAS, After leaving public service to help manage his family's  
4 extensive business interests, he returned in 1981 when he was elected  
5 as the first Pierce County executive; and

6           WHEREAS, He cleaned up a corruption-riddled county government and  
7 also set its fiscal house in order, turning a budget deficit into a  
8 surplus; and

9           WHEREAS, Booth Gardner challenged the incumbent governor in the  
10 1984 election and, running as "Booth Who?", won the contest; and

11           WHEREAS, Booth Gardner served two terms as governor and established  
12 an outstanding record in the office; and

13           WHEREAS, Governor Gardner was a tireless advocate for public  
14 education, including early childhood education, and helped establish  
15 the Running Start program for high school students to earn college  
16 credits; and

17           WHEREAS, Governor Gardner was a leader in health reform and  
18 successfully advocated for creation of the state Basic Health Plan; and

19           WHEREAS, Governor Gardner cherished our state's natural beauty and  
20 moved to protect the waters of Puget Sound from pollution and our rural  
21 areas from uncontrolled development, and he worked to limit  
22 contamination from the Hanford nuclear site; and

23           WHEREAS, Governor Gardner served as a true champion of civil  
24 rights, ordering an end to discrimination on the basis of sexual  
25 preference in state employment and acting to boost the pay of thousands  
26 of woman workers in state government who were victims of salary  
27 discrimination; and

28           WHEREAS, After completing his terms as governor, Booth Gardner  
29 served his nation as presidential ambassador to an international trade  
30 organization in Geneva, Switzerland; and

31           WHEREAS, After he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, he led  
32 the successful 2008 initiative drive for a "Death with Dignity"  
33 assisted-suicide law, even though it would not apply to him; and

34           WHEREAS, Booth Gardner was frugal in his personal life, but gave  
35 generously to charities that aided disadvantaged youth and  
36 alcohol-dependent men and women; and

37           WHEREAS, He loved the Frisko Freeze in Tacoma and other fast-food  
38 outlets, but he was also passionate about physical fitness; and

1       WHEREAS, Booth Gardner was known for his sly sense of humor, his  
2 gregarious nature, his optimism and idealism, and an appeal his  
3 hometown newspaper described as "cuddly";

4       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
5 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the life, the  
6 work, and the lasting legacy of William Booth Gardner be celebrated;  
7 and

8       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
9 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
10 Representatives to the family of William Booth Gardner and to the  
11 University of Washington.

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