

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4618, by Representatives Buys and Overstreet

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead worked in the noble service of protecting the public in the position of Everson Police Chief for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead was the longest serving police chief of Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead consistently and honestly provided security to the 2,500 citizens of Everson; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead routinely handled serious matters in law enforcement, including shootings, gang violence, and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead acquired new technology, drug-detecting canines, and new headquarters for the department during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead consistently looked for new ways to improve public safety and introduce new programs; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead participated in panels dealing with law and justice issues and planning for a county jail; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead went beyond his duties as police chief by volunteering, participating in local nonprofits, and acting as honorary basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead was a founder of the Nooksack Valley Dollars for Scholars Foundation, which has raised over one million dollars in scholarship money for high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead demonstrated respectfulness, empathy, and depth of character under the most difficult of circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Erik Ramstead was a living example of heroism and public service throughout his life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives does hereby recognize the various contributions and lasting legacy made by Police Chief Erik Ramstead; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to The City of Everson, The Nooksack Valley Dollars for Scholars Foundation, and the Ramstead family.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4618 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 19, 2013

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk