

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4656, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Alexander, Angel, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Crouse, Dahlquist, DeBolt, 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, Lias, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, Maxwell, McCoy, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Moscoso, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Roberts, Rodne, Ross, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Seaquist, Sells, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Stonier, Sullivan, Takko, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Vick, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, Wylie, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Mike Carrell was first elected to the Washington State House of Representatives in 1994, ably representing the people of the 28th Legislative District; and

WHEREAS, Mike Carrell spent ten years in the House before being elected to the Washington State Senate in 2004, again in 2008, and again in 2012, comprising a distinguished 19-year career dedicated to public service; and

WHEREAS, Mike Carrell was regularly moved by tragedies and problems affecting the people of his district and our state, working tirelessly to craft legislative solutions to ensure that those same tragedies would never be repeated; and

WHEREAS, Public safety was of the utmost concern for Mike Carrell, who spearheaded landmark prison legislation and also worked to keep communities safe with released offender supervision legislation; and

WHEREAS, Balancing the care and treatment needs of the mentally ill with the protection of the public and employees of the state's mental health facilities was always a priority for Mike Carrell; and

WHEREAS, Mike Carrell was especially known for his work helping at-risk youth and juvenile offenders, serving on numerous committees, work groups, and task forces to address these groups and issues; and

WHEREAS, Outside of the legislature, Mike Carrell's passion for learning led him to a lifelong career in science and math education, retiring from the Franklin Pierce School District in 1998 after having taught at Keithley Middle School, Franklin Pierce High School, and the district's GATES alternative school, as well as at the collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, Of Mike Carrell's many titles, such as "teacher," "mentor," "advocate," and "senator," perhaps his most cherished roles were as "Mikey" to his loving wife, Charlotte, whom he affectionately referred to as "Babes," as "Dad" to his four children, and as "Grandpa" to his five grandchildren, all of whom will eternally hold him in a special place in their hearts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor and remember the life and legacy of Senator Mike Carrell – a true statesman, devoted husband and father, and unwaveringly loyal friend to our great state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Mike Carrell's wife, Charlotte Carrell.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4656 adopted by the House of Representatives  
June 7, 2013

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk