

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4669, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Christian, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Dahlquist, DeBolt, Dunshee, Fagan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Freeman, Goodman, Green, Gregerson, Habib, Haigh, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Holy, Hope, Hudgins, G. Hunt, S. Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Roberts, Robinson, Rodne, Ross, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Seaquist, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Stonier, Sullivan, Takko, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Gary Alexander is a native Washingtonian, born in Seattle and educated at two of Washington state's finest institutions of higher learning, the University of Washington and Pacific Lutheran University, making him not a three dog night, but a solo Dog Knight; and

WHEREAS, Gary's business career spans over 40 years as an industrial engineer for Boeing, a financial manager with five state agencies, CFO of Behavioral Health Resources, regional finance officer for Philip Environmental Services, and Auditor and Deputy Auditor for Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, Gary's community involvement includes former and current positions with the Board of Directors for Thurston County Boys and Girls Club, the North Thurston Kiwanis, the Board of Directors for the Washington State Historical Society, the Advisory Board for Pacific Lutheran University School of Business, the Advisory Board for the Washington Small Business Development Council, Chairman and Board Member of the Washington State Employees Credit Union, Member of the Lewis County Flood Control Task Force, Board Member for the Thurston County Economic Development Council, and as an Olympia Port Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, various citizens in the 20th and 2nd Legislative Districts, which included Lewis, Thurston, and Pierce counties, have at times been enlightened with extraterrestrial knowledge leading them to choose Gary Alexander to represent their interests in the state House; and

WHEREAS, Gary's business experience and penchant for recalling inconsequential and minute budgetary matters led him to be known as The Budget Guru, The Walking Abacus, The Baron of Braces, The Monarch of Multivariable Analysis, The King of Kappa, The Big Kahuna of Brackets, The Emperor of Essential Discontinuity, and The Master of Mathematical Matrices; and

WHEREAS, Gary actually knows and understands the following terms: Per Annum, Interquartile Range, Disjoint Sets, Harmonic Mean, Interval Notation, Transcendental Numbers, Normalizing a Vector, Binomial Coefficients, Modular Equivalence, and Box and Whisker Plots; and

WHEREAS, Gary is smarter than you; and

WHEREAS, Gary's quick mind, warm smile, and hearty laugh endeared him to members and staff on both sides of the aisle and in both legislative chambers; and

WHEREAS, Gary's love for the legislative institution, his respect for all members and staff, his eagerness to serve the public, and his genuine distaste for partisan bickering made him a unique and stalwart member of the Washington State House of Representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor and recognize Gary Alexander for his many years of service, his poignant floor speeches, his mathematical acumen, and his demeanor as a true statesman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Gary Alexander, his lovely wife, Donna, and their two small dogs, Sophie and Molly.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4669 adopted by the House of Representatives  
March 13, 2014

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk