

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4675, by Representatives Hargrove, Schmick, Dahlquist, Fagan, DeBolt, Vick, Hayes, Christian, Holy, Walsh, Kochmar, Scott, Hope, Klippert, Muri, Johnson, Warnick, Manweller, Haler, Buys, Magendanz, Shea, Wilcox, Short, Harris, MacEwen, Pike, G. Hunt, Ross, Taylor, Pettigrew, Tharinger, Orcutt, Appleton, Young, Seaquist, and Kristiansen

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives recognize the sacrifice and bravery of our veterans; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoddle teaches at Tenino Middle School and is the former Boys' Cross Country Coach at Tenino High School, and his athletes have amassed numerous state championships and national age group titles; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hoddle was the recipient of the 2001-2002 Veterans of Foreign War Teacher of the Year Award for the State of Washington and the 2001-2002 Veterans of Foreign War National Citizenship Education Teacher Award; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoddle has worked extensively with injured soldiers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Hospital in Washington, D.C. and at the Lakeshore Foundation in Birmingham, Alabama, helping amputee, blind, and traumatic brain injured soldiers. Coach Hoddle has worked with over 1,000 injured soldiers, assisting them in their recovery, as well as helping them to discover the gift of running; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hoddle started coaching Paralympic athletics in 1996, where he learned to train amputee athletes and met and coached Tony Volpentest, who was born without hands or feet, to a world record in the 100 meters at the Paralympic Games in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hoddle was named Program Director for the USA Paralympics Track and Field Performance Coaching Staff in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hoddle was selected as Head Coach for the USA Paralympics Track and Field Team in 2004 and earned 26 medals in Athens, Greece; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hoddle currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Invictus Foundation, a nonprofit that assists service members and veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental wounds of war; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hoddle was selected a Runner's World Magazine 2013 HERO;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives does hereby honor the significant achievements and lasting legacy made by Coach Bryan Hoddle.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4675 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 7, 2014

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk