HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4641, by Representatives Stanford, Santos, Fitzgibbon, Senn, McCabe, Smith, Ryu, Sells, Young, Bergquist, Kagi, Kilduff, Gregerson, Moscoso, McBride, Haler, Walsh, Tharinger, Peterson, S. Hunt, Johnson, and Muri

WHEREAS, On April 25, 2015, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck 50 miles west of Kathmandu in Nepal; and

WHEREAS, Thousands have been injured or have lost their lives to the earthquake, which is the most powerful earthquake in Nepal in over 80 years; and

WHEREAS, Tent cities have been fashioned for the countless more who have lost their homes or cannot return home for fear of aftershocks; and

WHEREAS, The destruction of Buddhist stupas and Durbar squares in the Kathmandu Valley has resulted in irreparable damage to Nepal's cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Courageous first responders, members of the national guard, and civilians have worked tirelessly and selflessly to save the lives of those stranded on mountain tops, cut off in remote villages, and buried under rubble; and

WHEREAS, The full extent of the damage from this tragedy is still unknown;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives express its deepest and most heartfelt condolences for the people of Nepal's unfathomable loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Embassy of Nepal in the United States and the Nepal Seattle Society.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of

Resolution 4641 adopted by the House of Representatives

May 6, 2015

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk