

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4609, by Representative Cody

1       WHEREAS, The history and participation of people of Russian  
2 heritage in the American experience will be greatly enhanced and  
3 appreciated through the observation of the month of June as Russian  
4 American Heritage and Culture Month in the State of Washington; and

5       WHEREAS, Individuals of Russian heritage such as Ivan  
6 Turchaninov, Union Army Brigadier General; Igor Sikorsky, inventor of  
7 the helicopter and the multi-engine airplane; Vladimir Zworykin, a  
8 Russian American inventor, engineer, and pioneer of television  
9 technology; Sergei Rachmaninoff and Igor Stravinsky, world-renowned  
10 composers; Vladimir Nabokov, acclaimed novelist; Michael Douglas,  
11 Milla Jovovich, Mila Kunis, Billy Crystal, Yul Brynner, and Kirk  
12 Douglas, Hollywood legends; Sergey Brin, co-founder and head of the  
13 Google Corporation; Irving Berlin, author of the song "God Bless  
14 America"; and many others have made important contributions to the  
15 United States and the world; and

16       WHEREAS, The recognition of such significant contributions will  
17 enhance the opportunities for Russian American youth to take pride in  
18 their forebears and to identify with them as role models; and

19       WHEREAS, Better knowledge of the role of Russian Americans in the  
20 history of the United States and of relations between Russia and  
21 America can lead to more productive opportunities for cooperation and  
22 mutual understanding; and

23       Whereas, Russian American Heritage and Culture Month is  
24 recognized by Russian World, a cultural organization based in  
25 Washington;

26       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
27 of Representatives honor the month of June as Russian American  
28 Heritage and Culture Month; and urge that during this month there be  
29 active efforts to examine the subject in public schools, colleges,  
30 universities, and other venues; and encourage events and activities  
31 supporting interest and attention to Russian American history and how  
32 Russian Americans have retained their cultural identity while  
33 contributing significantly to the enrichment of Washington State and  
34 America; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
2 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
3 Representatives to the Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of  
4 Washington; to His Excellency Sergey Ivanovich Kislyak, Russian  
5 Federation Ambassador to the United States; to Andrey K. Yushmanov,  
6 Russian Federation Consul General in Seattle; to Russian American  
7 organizations; to other historical societies and government entities;  
8 and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.  
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10 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
11 Resolution 4609 adopted by the House of Representatives  
12 February 5, 2015  
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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk