

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4618, by Representative Johnson

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State House of  
2 Representatives to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Steve Caffery has exhibited true excellence throughout  
5 his personal, professional, and public life; and

6 WHEREAS, Steve Caffery has exhibited the highest levels of  
7 excellence during his lengthy years of public service; and

8 WHEREAS, Steve Caffery attended and received an undergraduate  
9 degree in technical theater at California State University and then  
10 attended an MFA program in performing arts administration at Brooklyn  
11 College; and

12 WHEREAS, Steve Caffery married Anne Napier, who is the CEO for  
13 the Memorial Foundation, Vice President of Communications and  
14 Development at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, and also a community  
15 leader, and together they have two daughters and three  
16 granddaughters; and

17 WHEREAS, Steve Caffery worked in and managed regional theatres in  
18 New York, Arkansas, and Oregon before moving to Yakima, Washington;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The Capitol Theatre originally opened in 1920 as the  
21 largest theatre in the Pacific Northwest, and for many years it was  
22 the crown jewel of Pantages style theatres, but it eventually fell  
23 into disrepair and was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1975;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, A community effort began in Yakima to rebuild the  
26 Capitol Theatre to its former glory and it reopened in 1978 in the  
27 reconstruction of its grand old style; and

28 WHEREAS, The community brought in Steve Caffery to lead the  
29 effort for the Capitol Theatre to once again serve as the crown jewel  
30 of theatres in the Pacific Northwest; and

31 WHEREAS, Steve Caffery has been the CEO of the Capitol Theatre  
32 for the past 26 years, expanding it under his watch to include the  
33 construction of a new production center and the black-box 4th Street  
34 Theatre; and

