

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4655, by Representatives Buys and Van Werven

1           WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State House of  
2 Representatives to honor the success and sacrifices of our veterans;  
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4           WHEREAS, Captain Joe Moser brought honor and recognition to his  
5 family, his city, and his entire community through his courage,  
6 endurance, strength, and remarkable humility; and

7           WHEREAS, These actions were revealed in the 2006 book "A Fighter  
8 Pilot in Buchenwald: The Joe Moser Story" and the documentary based  
9 in part on his life: "Lost Airmen of Buchenwald"; and

10           WHEREAS, Captain Moser returned to his home in Ferndale,  
11 Washington, raising five children and living the quiet and humble  
12 life of a furnace repairman; and

13           WHEREAS, For over forty years, Captain Moser never spoke of his  
14 sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy today; and

15           WHEREAS, Captain Moser completed 43 combat missions as an Army  
16 Air Corps fighter pilot, and was decorated with the Distinguished  
17 Flying Cross for successful ground attacks; and

18           WHEREAS, Captain Moser, then Lieutenant Moser, was shot down by  
19 enemy fire on his 44th mission, captured by the German Army, and  
20 designated a "terrorflieger" by the Schutzstaffel; and

21           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Moser was transferred to Buchenwald  
22 Concentration Camp along with 167 other Allied airmen; and

