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; 3 and
- WHEREAS, Captain Joe Moser brought honor and recognition to his family, his city, and his entire community through his courage, endurance, strength, and remarkable humility; and
- WHEREAS, These actions were revealed in the 2006 book "A Fighter Pilot in Buchenwald: The Joe Moser Story" and the documentary based 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
- WHEREAS, For over forty years, Captain Moser never spoke of his 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

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1	WHEREAS, Lieutenant Moser endured two months of starvation and
2	inhumane treatment at the hands of the Schutzstaffel; and
3	WHEREAS, Lieutenant Moser was rescued by Luftwaffe officers four
4	days before he and other Allied airmen were scheduled for execution;
5	and
6	WHEREAS, Lieutenant Moser endured a 65 mile "death march" from
7	Stalag Luft 3 POW camp in sub-zero blizzard conditions; and
8	WHEREAS, Captain Joe Moser passed away December 2, 2015, at his
9	Ferndale home after battling cancer;
10	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
11	of Representatives extend its condolences to the family, friends, and
12	fellow veterans of Captain Joe Moser, wish the entire military well,
13	and express its hope that all military members will return home
14	safely to their families, friends, and communities, like Joe.
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16	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
17	Resolution 4655 adopted by the House of Representatives
18	February 9, 2016
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24	Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk

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