

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4657, by Representatives Buys, Tarleton, Fey, Lytton, Van Werven, and Frame

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington state House of
2 Representatives to honor the successes and sacrifices of commercial
3 fishers; and

4 WHEREAS, The Washington state commercial fishing fleet begins
5 leaving in March and May, and the Blessing of the Fleet will occur at
6 Fisherman's Terminal in Ballard; and

7 WHEREAS, This is the 88th year the Ballard First Lutheran Church
8 has held the blessing and the 20th year Pastor Erik Wilson Weiberg
9 has offered the blessing; and

10 WHEREAS, This is the 41st year the Blessing of the Fleet will
11 occur at the Port of Bellingham, and will be presented at Zuanich
12 Point Park in Squalicum Harbor on May 7, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.; and

13 WHEREAS, This is the 33rd year the Blessing of the Fleet will
14 occur in Blaine Harbor, and will be presented at Blaine Boating
15 Center on May 8, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.; and

16 WHEREAS, The Washington state commercial fishing fleet is one of
17 the world's largest distant water fleets; and

18 WHEREAS, The commercial fishing industry directly and indirectly
19 employs thousands of people and is one of the largest industries in
20 Washington state; and

21 WHEREAS, The annual commercial fishing harvest is vital to the
22 growth and stability of the Washington state economy; and

