

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4675, by Representative Fey

1 WHEREAS, Joan M. "Joni" Earl is retiring from her position as
2 Chief Executive Officer of Sound Transit after leading the agency for
3 fifteen years; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Earl's prior government experience as Deputy County
5 Executive of Snohomish County, City Manager of Mill Creek, and
6 Director of Internal Management and Chief Fiscal Officer of Kitsap
7 County together made her uniquely suited to pay attention to both the
8 big picture and the financial bottom line, and she brought to Sound
9 Transit laser-sharp business sense and drive for results; and

10 WHEREAS, From the time she was named Acting Executive Director in
11 January 2001 and made Executive Director six months later, Ms. Earl
12 instilled an agency culture of accountability and transparency around
13 doing public projects; and

14 WHEREAS, In her 15 years leading Sound Transit, the agency
15 evolved to become one of the nation's leading transit agencies, known
16 for progress, professionalism, and industry achievement; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Earl and her leadership team dramatically
18 restructured the way Sound Transit manages major projects, which by
19 2003 led to the restoration of \$500 million in federal funding for
20 building the initial segment of the Link regional light rail system;
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