

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4618, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chapman, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graves, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jenkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Koster, Kraft, Kretz, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, Manweller, Maycumber, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morris, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, J. Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, and Young

1 WHEREAS, Washington State is the only state named for a
2 president, and along with the nation has set aside the third Monday
3 of every February to celebrate Presidents' Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Presidents' Day remembers the birthdays of President
5 Washington and President Lincoln, and also extends to embrace and
6 commend other former occupants of the White House; and

7 WHEREAS, George Washington, the first president of the United
8 States of America, leader of the Continental Army during the
9 Revolutionary War, and signer of the Constitution of the United
10 States of America is celebrated on Presidents' Day for his birthday
11 on February 22nd; and

12 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United
13 States of America, leader of the Union in the Civil War, signer of
14 the Emancipation Proclamation, and writer of the momentous Gettysburg
15 Address is celebrated on Presidents' Day for his birthday on February
16 12th; and

17 WHEREAS, George Washington sought to forge a country that was
18 welcoming to those escaping persecution; and

19 WHEREAS, Our presidents have demonstrated strong leadership
20 qualities, determination to create an independent and united
21 republic, a commitment to democratic ideals; and, to this day, our
22 presidents remain among the finest examples of honor and dignity, not
23 only for political leaders, but for people everywhere; and

1 WHEREAS, No Presidents' Day celebration would be complete without
2 appropriate recognition for the invaluable service of the first
3 ladies who have aided our presidents to serve in the past; each one
4 exemplifying what it means to be an American, providing a voice for
5 the people, and being a model of courage, grace, and excellence; and

6 WHEREAS, It is recognized that this exceptional nation is filled
7 with proud, diverse Americans who honor these leaders; and

8 WHEREAS, The forbearers of this nation worked tirelessly to
9 ensure that we would live in a free nation, away from the tyranny of
10 evil, presented with the freedom of choice, and ruled by those
11 elected; a government of the people, by the people, and for the
12 people;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on this twentieth day of
14 February 2017, the House of Representatives honor these heroes and
15 former presidents of our great union, and reflect upon the solemn
16 duty, responsibility, and honor of serving the public.
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18 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
19 Resolution 4618 adopted by the House of Representatives
20 February 20, 2017
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk