

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4669, by Representative Johnson

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to
2 recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

3 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock has exhibited true excellence throughout
4 his personal, professional, and public life; and

5 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock has exhibited the highest levels of
6 excellence during his lengthy years of public service; and

7 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock received a Bachelor of Science degree in
8 industrial engineering from Northwestern University in 1970 and a
9 master's degree in hospital administration from the University of
10 Michigan in 1972; and

11 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock moved to Yakima in 1978, where he served
12 as senior vice president and chief financial officer for what is now
13 Virginia Mason Memorial Hospital until he retired in 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock has held a number of board and leadership
15 positions in various nonprofit organizations in Yakima, including
16 Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health, the Yakima Symphony
17 Orchestra, Yakima Sunrise Rotary, and the Yakima Hearing and Speech
18 Center; and

19 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock is the interim chief operations officer
20 for Heritage University and serves as a consultant for the Pacific
21 Northwest University of Health Sciences; and

1 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock served as cochair of the citizens'
2 committee for the Yakima School District's 2001 levy and has strongly
3 supported local education programs; and

4 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock has served with distinction and honor
5 since 2005 as a member of the Yakima School District Board of
6 Directors - Position 3; and

7 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock's top priority as a school board member
8 and leader has been to ensure that every child receive a good
9 education that is meaningful throughout their life and career; and

10 WHEREAS, Under John Vornbrock's leadership, the Yakima School
11 District provided new and engaging alternative education programs for
12 students, including the Eisenhower High School's Advanced Placement
13 Program, Davis High School's International Baccalaureate Diploma
14 Program, an online education program, and other sports and fine arts
15 programs; and

16 WHEREAS, John Vornbrock, the father of three grown children, has
17 announced his intention to step down from his school board position
18 in February 2018 so that he can spend more time with his newly
19 retired wife, Paula;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
21 of the State of Washington honor John Vornbrock for his years of
22 dedicated service, his personal and professional integrity, and for
23 making Yakima and the State of Washington a better place to live,
24 work, and raise a family; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
26 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
27 Representatives to John Vornbrock.

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