

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4671, by Representatives Pollet, McCabe, Wylie, Fey, Dolan, Johnson, Kilduff, Ryu, and Dent

1           WHEREAS, The tireless efforts, vision, and eloquent advocacy of  
2 Russell Jim "Kii'ahł" inspired generations of new leaders of the  
3 Yakama Nation and Washington State, while creating a healthier legacy  
4 for generations to come from the removal of millions of tons of  
5 contamination along the Columbia River; and

6           WHEREAS, Russell Jim served on the Yakama Tribal Council and led  
7 Washington State in understanding and rejecting the federal  
8 government's nomination of Gable Mountain, a sacred site along the  
9 Columbia River, as the nation's disposal site for High Level Nuclear  
10 Waste; and

11           WHEREAS, Russell Jim's leadership for Washington and the nation  
12 included leadership on Washington State's Nuclear Waste Advisory  
13 Council and the federal State-Tribal Working Group; and

14           WHEREAS, Russell Jim created the Yakama Nation's Environmental  
15 Restoration and Waste Management program, and served as its director  
16 for thirty-seven years, to protect fish, plants, and other resources  
17 in and around the Columbia River, and to advocate for cleanup of the  
18 Hanford Nuclear Reservation; and

19           WHEREAS, Russell Jim's decades of environmental advocacy and  
20 eloquence speaking for tribal sovereignty has created a legacy that  
21 will span generations, inspired new generations to be active in their  
22 communities, and should always be remembered; and

1 WHEREAS, Russell Jim has received an honorary doctorate degree  
2 from Heritage University for his dedication to the betterment of the  
3 health, culture, and natural environment of the Yakama Nation;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
5 honor Russell Jim "Kii'ahl" who has provided immeasurable  
6 contributions to the causes of environmentalism and the preservation  
7 of Yakama traditions.

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9 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
10 Resolution 4671 adopted by the House of Representatives  
11 February 14, 2018  
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17 Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk