<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4672</u>, by Representatives Bergquist, Clibborn, Senn, Santos, and Hudgins

- 1 WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Kohlwes was the superintendent for the Renton 2 School District from 1974 to 1997 where his steadfast leadership and 3 guidance was seen by many; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Kohlwes empowered and encouraged countless teachers, students, and administrators that contributed to the strength and success of the Renton School District; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Kohlwes attended Western Washington University for 8 his bachelor's and master's degrees and ultimately obtained his 9 doctorate in educational psychology from the University of 10 Washington; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Many of his academic colleagues describe him as a 12 supportive and honest person, who is tough-minded, multifaceted, and 13 hard-working; and
- 14 WHEREAS, In his community, Dr. Kohlwes served as Director of 15 First Financial Northwest Bank, a position he held for thirty-six 16 years and later served as Chairman of the Board for four years; and
 - WHEREAS, Dr. Kohlwes was able to give back to his community as Executive Director and Trustee of the First Financial Northwest Foundation through various charitable causes, including a recent three million dollar donation to the Doug Baldwin Family First

21 Community Center in Renton's Benson Hill/Cascade neighborhood; and

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1	WHEREAS, Various Renton civic organizations have benefitted from
2	the leadership of Dr. Kohlwes, including the Renton Rotary Club where
3	he served as a past president and is still active; and
4	WHEREAS, Dr. Kohlwes also took great pride as a college
5	basketball coach and trainer at Western Washington University; and
6	WHEREAS, He was a high school teacher and as coach, led the
7	Arlington High School football team through an undefeated season; and
8	WHEREAS, Dr. Kohlwes has dedicated an immeasurable amount of
9	personal time to his community and has shown his devotion through
10	acts of service and valuable contributions; and
11	WHEREAS, Dr. Kohlwes and his wife, Elizabeth, have raised two
12	boys and two girls, all graduates of Renton High School, during their
13	marriage of over sixty years;
14	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
15	of Representatives recognize Dr. Gary Kohlwes for his long dedication
16	as a teacher, superintendent, and director in Washington state, and,
17	above all, wish him the best health and happiness in his retirement;
18	and
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
20	immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
21	Representatives to Dr. Gary Kohlwes.
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23	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
24	Resolution 4672 adopted by the House of Representatives
25	February 15, 2018
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31	Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk

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