

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4672, 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

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Kohlwes empowered and encouraged countless teachers,  
5 students, and administrators that contributed to the strength and  
6 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

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Kohlwes was able to give back to his community as  
18 Executive Director and Trustee of the First Financial Northwest  
19 Foundation through various charitable causes, including a recent  
20 three million dollar donation to the Doug Baldwin Family First  
21 Community Center in Renton's Benson Hill/Cascade neighborhood; and

