

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4692, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chapman, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dye, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graves, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jinkins, Johnson, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, 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, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, and Young

1 WHEREAS, Representative Ruth Kagi served in the House of
2 Representatives for twenty sessions with poise and an unwavering
3 focus on helping people; and

4 WHEREAS, She has a long history of community and public service
5 that includes serving for 20 legislative sessions in the House of
6 Representatives and formerly as Chair of the National Conference of
7 State Legislatures Human Services Committee, the Vice President of
8 the League of Women Voters of Washington, and the Vice Chair of the
9 Thrive Washington board of directors; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Ruth Kagi worked tirelessly to champion
11 the cause of supporting children and families including helping
12 foster children, improving the child welfare system, reforming drug
13 sentencing laws, and strengthening early learning and child care; and

14 WHEREAS, She spearheaded the creation of the Department of
15 Children, Youth, and Families, which united programs and services
16 that had been scattered among other state agencies. She advocated for
17 the Early Start Act of 2015, which expanded high quality early
18 learning to thousands of Washington children; and

19 WHEREAS, Speaker Frank Chopp praised Representative Ruth Kagi's
20 legacy of advocating for children and families by saying, "Ruth is the
21 conscience of our caucus when it comes to children and families"; and

22 WHEREAS, Speaker Chopp also said, "With her leadership, the
23 Legislature changed the way the state views early learning

1 challenges, transforming the way we address these issues from
2 separate components to a holistic approach";

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
4 of Representatives celebrate and commemorate Representative Ruth
5 Kagi's dedicated service to Washington state and for representing the
6 people of the 32nd Legislative District with focus and grace; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
8 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives to Representative Ruth Kagi and her family.

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