

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4641, by Representatives Pettigrew, Harris, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Boehnke, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cody, Corry, Davis, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dufault, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Gildon, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hansen, Hoff, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jinkins, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, Mead, Morgan, Morris, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pollet, Ramos, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rude, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Shewmake, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Tarleton, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

1 WHEREAS, Frank Chopp was born in East Bremerton, the son of
2 immigrants who came to the United States and the State of Washington
3 in search of a better life; and

4 WHEREAS, Speaker Chopp's father, an electrician in the Bremerton
5 Navy Ship Yards, and his mother, a school cafeteria worker, taught
6 their children the values of hard work, compassion, equality, and
7 activism; and

8 WHEREAS, Even as a student at East Bremerton High School, Frank
9 lived the values he learned at home, leading a protest against a
10 local fraternal organization that would not allow people of color as
11 members; and

12 WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Washington,
13 Frank honed his passion for public service by working as a community
14 organizer on a variety of issues, ranging from feeding and housing
15 the less fortunate, to low-income transportation services and job
16 creation programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Frank has been involved with a number of groups, service
18 agencies, and programs including the Coalition for Survival Services,
19 King County Housing Opportunity Fund, Cascade Shelter Project, the
20 Food Resources Network, the Workers Center, Lettuce Link, Community
21 Voice Mail, the Sand Point Community Housing Association, PortJOBS,
22 the Committee for Economic Opportunity, and the Low Income Housing
23 Institute, to name just a few; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1994, Frank's dedication to public service resulted
2 in his running for and being elected as state Representative from the
3 43rd Legislative District in Seattle; and

4 WHEREAS, He quickly rose to leadership, serving as House Minority
5 Leader from 1997-1998, and as Co-Speaker from 1999-2001 when the
6 House was split evenly among Democrats and Republicans; and

7 WHEREAS, Frank has served as Speaker for 20 years, the longest
8 serving Speaker in the history of the State of Washington, and the
9 second longest-serving state House Speaker in the nation at the time
10 he stepped aside from the position; and

11 WHEREAS, With the love and support of his wife Nancy, and
12 children Narayan and Ellie, Frank has created, initiated, or presided
13 over an astounding list of accomplishments; and

14 WHEREAS, A small sample of Frank's legacy includes: The State
15 Housing Trust Fund; an increased minimum wage; paid family and
16 medical leave; the Marriage Equality Act; the Dream Act; the Voting
17 Rights Act; the Long-term Care Trust Act; the Education Legacy Fund;
18 the College Bound Scholarship Program; and Apple Health for All Kids,
19 among many others, not to mention his staunch defense of the programs
20 that make up the state's social safety net; and

21 WHEREAS, Speaker Frank Chopp's tireless work on behalf of the
22 people of Washington, especially those in need of compassion,
23 opportunity, and a helping hand, has benefited many millions of
24 Washingtonians, and will benefit many millions more in the
25 generations to come;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the House of
27 Representatives thank Speaker Chopp for his leadership and support;
28 and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives bestow
30 upon Frank Chopp the title of Speaker Emeritus.

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