

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4665, by Representatives Wilcox, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Boehnke, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Chopp, Cody, Corry, Davis, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Gildon, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hansen, Harris, Hoff, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jenkins, J. Johnson, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, Mead, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Riccelli, Robinson, Rude, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Shewmake, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Tarleton, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

1 WHEREAS, For 25 years TVW has opened state government to the
2 people of Washington, offering unedited "gavel-to-gavel" coverage of
3 government deliberations and public policy events of statewide
4 significance since signal activation on April 10, 1995; and

5 WHEREAS, TVW's founders believed the people of Washington
6 deserved to be able to watch their elected officials in action, even
7 if they could not be physically present in Olympia; and

8 WHEREAS, Since its inception, TVW has captured and archived well
9 over 60,000 hours of public policy proceedings including coverage of:
10 The legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government;
11 state agencies; statewide elections; and public policy events hosted
12 by nongovernmental organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, The first event televised by TVW was a death penalty
14 case before the Washington State Supreme Court, through which TVW
15 also made history with the first-ever televised state court
16 proceeding; and

17 WHEREAS, TVW televises all floor debates in the Washington State
18 Senate and House of Representatives and offers live and archived
19 coverage of all committee hearings in the Senate and House of
20 Representatives via TV or web-streaming live and on-demand, and TVW
21 archives all of its coverage for citizens to view online, on-demand;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, The cable television industry carries TVW at no cost
2 resulting in an annual in-kind contribution of approximately 7
3 million dollars each year and enabling TVW to provide content to all
4 cable subscribers in Washington via television; and

5 WHEREAS, TVW has made the vision of "anytime, anywhere, any
6 device" a reality through the innovative use of technology tools such
7 as web site streaming at TVW.org, Roku, Amazon Fire, mobile device
8 applications, and other technologies as they become viable; and

9 WHEREAS, When the Legislature is not meeting in Olympia, TVW's
10 mobile camera units cover legislative and public policy events across
11 Washington; and

12 WHEREAS, TVW allows the traditional news media free access to its
13 footage, making it easier for TV, radio, and newspapers to cover
14 state government even when not physically present at the Capitol; and

15 WHEREAS, TVW educates young people about state government and
16 civic engagement through its free civics education programs for
17 teachers and students throughout the state via "Teach with TVW"
18 programs including the innovative, hands-on "Capitol Classroom"
19 program and award-winning documentary series, "Engaged: Students
20 Becoming Citizens"; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to "gavel-to-gavel" programming, TVW creates
22 six regularly produced shows and a variety of informative
23 interstitial short videos highlighting the work of state government
24 and Washington's beautiful and historic landscapes; and

25 WHEREAS, The quality of TVW's produced programming has been
26 recognized with numerous regional and national awards; and

27 WHEREAS, In it's 25-year history, TVW has had four distinguished
28 presidents, all of whom have ties to the House of Representatives,
29 including Congressman Denny Heck (former member), Cindy Zehnder
30 (former Chief Clerk), Greg Lane (former staff member), and Renee
31 Radcliff Sinclair (former member); and

32 WHEREAS, TVW has employed a highly talented and dedicated staff
33 who share a commitment to the organization's mission and gives
34 special recognition to its longest serving staff members Scott Chisa
35 (25 years), programming coordinator, and Anthony Arenas (22 years),
36 operations supervisor;

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
38 of Representatives congratulate TVW on 25 years of continuous service

1 in bringing the work of state government to the citizens of
2 Washington; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
4 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives to TVW's President and CEO, and to the TVW Board of
6 Directors.

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8 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
9 Resolution 4665 adopted by the House of Representatives
10 February 21, 2020

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk