

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4669, by Representative Dufault

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to
2 recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

3 WHEREAS, Brian Winter was born in Pasadena, California, and grew
4 up in Harrah, Washington, graduating in 1977 from White Swan High
5 School; and

6 WHEREAS, Brian Winter earned a bachelor's degree in law and
7 justice at Central Washington University in 1983; and

8 WHEREAS, Brian Winter joined the United States Marine Corps, and
9 worked as an auxiliary police officer in Union Gap; and

10 WHEREAS, Brian Winter served his country with distinction and
11 honor in the Marine Corps, including combat deployment in support of
12 both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

13 WHEREAS, Brian Winter served his community for twenty-seven years
14 in the Yakima County Sheriff's Office, including four years as the
15 elected Yakima County Sheriff; and

16 WHEREAS, Sheriff Brian Winter increased public safety during his
17 time as sheriff, including strengthening Block Watch programs,
18 building plans for active shooter situations, investing in a new
19 crime tracking system, expanding training opportunities, and working
20 to improve law enforcement relationships with the community; and

21 WHEREAS, Brian Winter exhibited the highest levels of excellence
22 during his lengthy years of public service; and

1 WHEREAS, Yakima County Sheriff Brian Winter retired in 2018 due
2 to medical conditions associated with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease)
3 after a successful career of nearly thirty years in law enforcement;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Former Sheriff Winter put his trust in God as he fought
6 to maintain his health, but succumbed to the disease on January 25,
7 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, Brian Winter leaves behind a wife, Tammy, and their
9 three adult children;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
11 of the state of Washington posthumously recognize the late Sheriff
12 Brian Winter for his years of dedicated service, his personal and
13 professional integrity, and for making Yakima County and the state of
14 Washington a better place to live, work, and raise a family; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be
16 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
17 Representatives to the family of the late Sheriff Brian Winter.

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