

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4687, by Representatives Jenkins, 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, J. Johnson, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, Mead, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Riccelli, Robinson, Rude, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Senn, 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, Representative Eric Pettigrew grew up in South Central
2 Los Angeles, raised by a single mother, and attended Nogales High
3 School, where he excelled on the football field; and

4 WHEREAS, He received a football scholarship to attend Oregon
5 State University, where he received a degree in sociology and
6 counseling psychology, and to this day remains a stalwart fan of the
7 Oregon Beavers, and allergic to the yellow-and-gold colors of the
8 University of Oregon Ducks; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon graduation in 1985, Pettigrew began his studies for
10 a master's degree in social work at the University of Washington; and

11 WHEREAS, Pettigrew then began his career in public service and
12 nonprofit work, serving as the director of the Minority Youth Health
13 Project, which worked to reduce teen pregnancy and sexually
14 transmitted disease rates in Seattle, and as Deputy Chief of Staff
15 for Public Safety for Seattle Mayor Norm Rice; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2002, he was elected to the Washington State House of
17 Representatives, where he advocated on behalf of affordable housing,
18 and equity and opportunity for all when it came to education and
19 jobs; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2010, Pettigrew was elected chair of the House
21 Democratic Caucus, placing him in a leadership role that he retained
22 throughout the final decade of his legislative career, providing a

1 firm and steady guiding hand to facilitate caucus meetings and meting
2 out justice to members who neglected to mute their cell phones; and

3 WHEREAS, Pettigrew has been a consistent progressive force in the
4 Legislature, chalking up victories ranging from persons living with
5 spinal cord injuries or Parkinson's disease, to grandmothers raising
6 grandchildren and former convicts hoping to reintegrate into society;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Pettigrew reached across the aisle to build
9 relationships with members from every corner of the state and each
10 political party, leading to this Seattle Democrat's enthusiastic role
11 as sponsor and advocate for laws and reforms on behalf of
12 Washington's farmers and ranchers; and

13 WHEREAS, In his spare time, Pettigrew has worked tirelessly for
14 community groups, including serving as president of the Rainier
15 Valley Chamber of Commerce, and as a board member of the Rainier
16 Vista Boys and Girls Club and the ACT Theatre, along with coaching
17 Little League and youth basketball; and

18 WHEREAS, Without his enthusiastic "good morning" each day in
19 caucus, who knows what will become of this place?

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
21 recognize Pettigrew's record of public service, both in and out of
22 this chamber, on behalf of his district, his colleagues, and the
23 people of the State of Washington.

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