

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4625, by Representatives Dufault, Corry, and Dent

1 WHEREAS, Norman (Norm) Wayne Childress was born on August 19,
2 1958, in Yakima, Washington; and

3 WHEREAS, Norm attended Outlook Elementary School and Sunnyside
4 Junior High School; and

5 WHEREAS, After his father died, Norm and his family moved to
6 Naches where he participated in three sports at Naches High School,
7 where he graduated in 1976; and

8 WHEREAS, Norm attended Yakima Valley College; and

9 WHEREAS, In October 1978, Norm began a 37-year career with the
10 Public Works Department, then called the Benton County Road
11 Department; and

12 WHEREAS, Norm married his wife, Sandy, on November 2, 1979, and
13 they enjoyed more than 40 years of marriage together; and

14 WHEREAS, Norm and Sandy had a daughter, Cara Lee, in 1981, and a
15 son, Joshua Wayne, in 1983; and

16 WHEREAS, Norm was a dedicated father and involved in his
17 children's activities and sports; and

18 WHEREAS, Norm was a loving grandfather to his grandson,
19 Sebastian; and

20 WHEREAS, Norm was elected to the Grandview City Council in 1993
21 and served on that council until 2005 when he was elected Mayor of
22 Grandview, a position he held until 2018; and

1 WHEREAS, Norm enjoyed many activities, including church league
2 softball and racquetball; and
3 WHEREAS, Norm retired in 2015, spending time in his workshop and
4 playing poker; and
5 WHEREAS, Each year, Norm would travel to Las Vegas to play in the
6 World Series of Poker and connect with friends; and
7 WHEREAS, Norm was elected as Yakima County Commissioner for
8 District 3 in 2018, a position he held until his unfortunate passing;
9 and
10 WHEREAS, Norm passed away peacefully from pancreatic cancer on
11 September 15, 2020; and
12 WHEREAS, Norm leaves behind a legacy of public service and
13 enhanced the communities for which he served; and
14 WHEREAS, Norm is greatly missed by his family, friends, and the
15 people of Yakima County;
16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
17 recognize Norman Wayne Childress for his devoted service to the
18 people of Benton County, Grandview, and Yakima County; and
19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be
20 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
21 Representatives to the family of Norman Wayne Childress.

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