

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4634, by Representative Wylie

1 WHEREAS, Washington State has a rich history of prominent artists
2 who contribute to the culture, economic development, and enrichment
3 of many lives; and

4 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the value of our history
5 and indigenous ancient arts, as well as modern contributions; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1943, after graduating from Vancouver High School,
7 James Lee Hansen enlisted in the United States Navy and served on
8 Destroyer USS Preston in the Pacific for three years; and

9 WHEREAS, James Lee Hansen, a lifelong resident of Washington, has
10 been a leader of the Northwest master artists, teaching sculpture for
11 over 26 years at Portland State University, Oregon State University,
12 the University of Oregon, and the University of California at
13 Berkeley; and

14 WHEREAS, As sculptor and poet, James Lee Hansen made a unique
15 contribution to history by preserving and honoring the past while
16 producing a large body of contemporary bronze sculptures and teaching
17 others the craft of bronze casting; and

18 WHEREAS, James Lee Hansen, before the damming of the Columbia and
19 John Day rivers, made castings of the ancient petroglyphs that became
20 submerged and destroyed by the resulting reservoirs; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1959 James Lee Hansen organized a collaborative of
22 regional artists to create major architectural art commissions
23 throughout the Northwest; and

