

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4670, by Representatives Jenkins, Wilcox, Abbarno, Barkis, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Boehnke, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Chase, Chopp, Cody, Corry, Davis, Dent, Dolan, Donaghy, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Gilday, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hansen, Harris, Harris-Talley, Hoff, Jacobsen, J. Johnson, Kirby, Klicker, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, McEntire, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Senn, Shewmake, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wicks, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

1 WHEREAS, In his ninth term diligently serving the best interests
2 of families in the 38th legislative district in Snohomish County,
3 State Representative Mike Sells has established himself as a
4 consistent progressive force in the Washington State Legislature; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Sells, a teacher at heart, made it his
6 mission to impart knowledge to students in elementary as well as
7 secondary levels with the Everett School District for over three
8 decades; and

9 WHEREAS, He also made a difference in the lives of thousands of
10 students with his service to educators as president of Local 772 for
11 the American Federation of Teachers from 1969 to 1980, and then as
12 the Everett Education Association president for the next 18 years;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In his quest to ensure Washingtonians have opportunities
15 that will help them pursue meaningful work in the fields of their
16 choice, Representative Sells sponsored bills to create the Washington
17 Aerospace Training & Research Center at Paine Field, develop
18 internship and apprenticeship opportunities, establish WSU Everett,
19 and bring a Bachelor of Science nursing program to Everett Community
20 College through UW-Bothell; and

21 WHEREAS, An unyielding advocate for labor and working families,
22 Representative Sells served as the elected secretary-treasurer of the
23 Snohomish & Island County Labor Council from 1976 to 2014,

1 coordinating 65 different AFL/CIO unions in Snohomish County,
2 representing more than 42,000 working people; and

3 WHEREAS, He has exemplified leadership, dedication, and
4 commitment at the helm of the Labor & Workplace Standards Committee
5 since 2011, and in that role succeeded in reforming the Unemployment
6 Insurance system, modernizing Workers' Compensation, strengthening
7 safety standards in the workplace, and helping to establish Paid
8 Family and Medical Leave for Washington workers; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Mike Sells pointed out he owes his
10 accomplishments in legislating to the work and support of community
11 and tribal leaders in Everett, Marysville, and Tulalip, adding: "They
12 helped set agendas for our communities, listened to the people, and
13 helped build the support structures for moving legislation forward.
14 We don't do these things alone if we wish to be successful. It is the
15 same with the great advocates for working people we have in this
16 state. I was lucky to have a great group of partners and a family
17 that supported my work.";

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
19 of the State of Washington salute and celebrate Representative Mike
20 Sells for his dedication to the people of the 38th legislative
21 district and, indeed, to the people of the entire state of
22 Washington; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be
24 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
25 Representatives to the family of Washington State Representative Mike
26 Sells.

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28 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
29 Resolution 4670 adopted by the House of Representatives
30 March 8, 2022
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk