HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4669, by Representative Schmick

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran wrestled in high school for two years; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran was encouraged by Hall of Famer Joe Babbi to start his career as a wrestling official while living in Eastern Washington; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran began officiating for the Whitman County Wrestling Officials Association in 1987 and quickly became very successful; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran was awarded the Washington State Outstanding Wrestling Official recognition in 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Whitman County Wrestling Officials Association only services a few schools, Terry also officiates for the Inland Empire Wrestling Officials Association and the Idaho District 2 Wrestling Officials Associations; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran has served in a leadership position starting in 1997, as the Whitman County Wrestling Association Assigning Secretary, a position he still holds; and

WHEREAS, Cochran has officiated in 30 Washington State Wrestling Tournaments and six Idaho State Wrestling Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Over his 35-year officiating career, Cochran has officiated numerous league, district, and regional tournaments where he was the head official for many of those tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran also officiates USA Wrestling tournaments and officiated some college club wrestling from 2008-2013; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran proudly approached his officiating duties to highlight the athleticism and skills of the wrestlers, not to draw attention to the referee. He valued and officiated in a manner which emphasized safety for the wrestlers. He has garnered such respect that it is not uncommon for him to receive a handshake and words of appreciation from wrestlers he may run into off the mat; and

WHEREAS, Outside of officiating wrestling, Terry is an event volunteer for the Colfax Chamber of Commerce; Fire Commissioner for District 11 of Whitman County; member of the Steptoe Fire Department since 2015; and volunteer in the Beef Barn and at the Steptoe Food Booth at the Palouse Empire Fair for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, As a Service Technician for Jones Truck and Implement, Cochran currently resides near Colfax, Washington, with his wife, Nancy. They have two adult children, Maggee and Ben, and five grandchildren: Waylon, Zaidee, Murphee, Case, and Louden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor and congratulate Terry Cochran; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Terry Cochran.