

FORTY SIXTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Thursday, February 27, 2014

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Hudgins presiding).

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

February 26, 2014

MR. SPEAKER:

The Senate has passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1607
HOUSE BILL NO. 2140
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2195
HOUSE BILL NO. 2446
HOUSE BILL NO. 2515

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4686, by Representatives Scott, Jinkins, Zeiger, Schmick, Pollet, Ryu, Shea, Blake, MacEwen, Young, Ross, Holy, Tharinger, and G. Hunt

WHEREAS, Our nation was founded upon the notion that freedom and equality are inseparable; and

WHEREAS, The fight for freedom and equality is celebrated each February as our nation recognizes Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans survived nearly 400 years of slavery and human bondage, earning their freedom with President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, only to face continued segregation and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Washington State recognizes a true American Patriot in George Washington Bush, a veteran of the War of 1812, and an Irish African-American who chose to move from his home state of Missouri to the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, We recognize George Washington Bush as one of Washington State's founding fathers; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Bush and his wife chose to travel north across the Columbia River to settle in Washington after being turned away from Oregon, where black American exclusion laws kept them from owning land; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Bush came as a fur trader to the Northwest with his wife and family seeking a place free of prejudice and homesteaded a 640-acre parcel that later became Bush Prairie, now known as Tumwater; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Bush became a successful farmer and used his resources to sponsor other families to move to the Washington Territory; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Bush used his wealth to assist those in need; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Bush was well respected by the local Nisqually Indians for his generosity; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Bush led by example and taught his six sons to give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Bush worked relentlessly to make Washington territory a state; and

WHEREAS, Through George Washington Bush and his sons' efforts, Washington became a state 125 years ago on November 11, 1889; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Bush died before he could realize his dream of statehood for Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress approved Washington Territory's petition to become a state on February 22, 1889; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Bush's son, William Owen Bush, served in the first session of the Washington State Legislature in 1889; and

WHEREAS, William Owen Bush was the prime sponsor of House Bill No. 90 to establish our state's first agriculture college, which later became Washington State University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize that George Washington Bush paved the way for our state to have elected officials of all races, colors, and heritages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize during this month of remembering the Black history the Americans of African descent who have contributed to the vitality of Washington State and the extraordinary contributions of George Washington Bush; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and express their appreciation for the many benefits of Black History Month to our citizenry and to our culture in general and encourage all citizens of the state of Washington to join in honoring a true American patriot, George Washington Bush.

The Speaker (Representative Hudgins presiding) stated the question before the House to be adoption of House Resolution No. 4686.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4686 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4688, by Representative Condotta

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington House of Representatives to honor the achievements and talents of Washington's artists and to recognize their contribution to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie "Guitar" Buckingham is one of the biggest stars to ever emerge from the Pacific Northwest's music scene; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham produced songs that established her as an early "crossover" artist; and

WHEREAS, The multitalented artist devoted her skills as a unique female session instrumentalist, talent scout, record label executive, audio engineer, and session producer to the success of many aspiring young talents; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham will be remembered as a pioneer in a music industry traditionally dominated by male artists; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham was one of the few female singers in country music during her fame and is one of the few country singers to have had a hit on the *Billboard* Magazine's Country charts and Pop charts simultaneously during the late 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham performed for the Grand Ole Opry at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium numerous times and was offered a regular spot on the Grand Ole Opry, but declined; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1950s, Buckingham formed her own record label called Dolton Records, formerly called Dolphin Records, with cofounder Bob Reisdorff; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham is credited as one of the people who helped launch The Fleetwoods as well as The Ventures upon signing the two groups to Dolton Records during the late 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham resumed her own music career and charted for the first time in many years in 1980 with the single "Honey on the Moon"; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's Northwest Area Music Association recognized how Buckingham's talents had significantly impacted the recording arts in the Pacific Northwest and inducted her into their NAMA Hall of Fame in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Upon retiring in 1996, Buckingham has called Soap Lake, Washington, home and continues to give back to her community through her musical talent and warm generosity; and

WHEREAS, This body recognizes the effect Buckingham and her music have on the viability, well-being, and economy of local communities and this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its appreciation of Washington's very own Bonnie "Guitar" Buckingham for her continued efforts in producing music, her dedication to music and her community, and her contribution to the success of other performing artists and groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives immediately transmit a copy of this resolution to Bonnie "Guitar" Buckingham.

The Speaker (Representative Hudgins presiding) stated the question before the House to be adoption of House Resolution No. 4688.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4688 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4689, by Representatives Ormsby and Riccelli

WHEREAS, The City of Spokane, the State of Washington, and the United States of America lost an outstanding citizen and leader with the passing of Thomas S. Foley on October 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, In staying true to his principles and the essentials of his character throughout his life, Tom Foley set an example of personal behavior and public service that should inspire us all; and

WHEREAS, Tom Foley demonstrated that compassion, courtesy, and a willingness to find common ground strengthens us as a democratic nation; and

WHEREAS, His distinguished record of achievement and his performance in high national office have earned him a place of lasting honor in the American pantheon; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Stephen Foley was born in Spokane on March 6, 1929, and after high school at Gonzaga Prep attended Gonzaga University and the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, After receiving a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Washington, he entered public service as a deputy prosecutor in Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, He first ran for the United States House of Representatives as a Democrat in 1964, defeating a long-time incumbent in the Fifth Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, His constituents in the Fifth Congressional District would choose him to represent them in Congress for fourteen additional terms until 1995; and

WHEREAS, His decency and integrity gained him the respect of his colleagues, and he rose steadily through the ranks of leadership in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, He was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1989, the first member of Congress from west of the Rocky Mountains to hold that exalted constitutional position; and

WHEREAS, He presided over the House of Representatives with dignity and fairness, winning the admiration of allies and opponents, and forging a reputation for problem-solving through compromise and conciliation; and

WHEREAS, His tenure as Speaker was such that his then-Republican counterpart, Minority Leader Robert Michel, would later describe him as "a gentleman of the House, a fair and honest broker, and a worthy adversary"; and

WHEREAS, After completing his congressional tenure, he was appointed by President Clinton in 1997 to represent his nation as United States Ambassador to Japan; and

WHEREAS, He returned to Washington, D.C. and to the private practice of law in 1995, and in 2003 was awarded his native state's highest honor, the Washington Medal of Merit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington celebrate the life, the work, and the lasting legacy of Thomas Stephen Foley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Speaker Foley's wife and life companion, Heather Foley, to his sister, Maureen Latimer, to his friend Joe Powell, to the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service at Washington State University, to Gonzaga University, and to the University of Washington.

The Speaker (Representative Hudgins presiding) stated the question before the House to be adoption of House Resolution No. 4689.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4689 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4690, by Representatives Klippert, Fagan, Christian, Kretz, Holy, Muri, Walsh, Haler, Hargrove, Hope, Buys, Schmick, Taylor, Vick, Dahlquist, Magendanz, Wilcox, Warnick, Johnson, Shea, Scott, Smith, Short, Orcutt, and Nealey

WHEREAS, Washington state's pioneering men and women known as cowboys helped establish America's western frontiers; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy and ranching traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523; and

WHEREAS, Today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy Vaquero spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy is an excellent steward of the land, its resources, and its creatures; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy embodies honesty, courage, compassion, and resolve; and

WHEREAS, The core values expressed within the Cowboy Code of Conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of integrity; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in American literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music; and

WHEREAS, Annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30,000,000 fans worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Membership and participation in the National Day of the Cowboy Organization, Single Action Shooting Society, Working Ranch Rodeo Association, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association, Championship Bull Riding, Working Ranch Rodeo, Women's Pro Rodeo, U.S. Team Roping, the Western Music Association, and other organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy continues to expand both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, The National Cowboy organization has declared the fourth Saturday in July to be the "National Day of the Cowboy";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives join these organizations in celebrating the "National Day of the Cowboy" on the fourth Saturday in July and encourage the people of Washington and the United States of America to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The Speaker (Representative Hudgins presiding) stated the question before the House to be adoption of House Resolution No. 4690.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4690 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4691, by Representative Freeman

WHEREAS, Dom Cooks is a truly amazing young man who has already accomplished so much to strengthen Decatur High School, to improve the entire city of Federal Way, and to help make our whole state of Washington a far better place for the rest of us to call home; and

WHEREAS, Two years ago, doctors diagnosed Dom Cooks with a malignant, inoperable brain tumor; and

WHEREAS, Tumor or no tumor, Dom Cooks -- Decatur High School's beloved and revered hero -- has never backed away from any challenge or encounter that his young life has thrown at him; and

WHEREAS, On his way to recently and triumphantly earning a Decatur High School diploma, Dom Cooks has battled adversity like very few people of any age are forced to do so; and

WHEREAS, His mother, Tasha Wade; his twin sister, Diamond Cooks; his Grandmother Faye Wade; and his Aunt Charmayne Harper are the loving family and bedrock foundation for this extraordinary young man; and

WHEREAS, Young Mr. Cooks, though only eighteen years old, absolutely epitomizes the words "courage," "spirit," and "inspiration" -- and thoroughly exemplifies the phrase "strength of character"; and

WHEREAS, Not to be denied, the unwavering spirit of this indomitable young man demonstrated itself in his school's homecoming football game in which Cooks took a pitch from a teammate and then scrambled his way into the end zone for a Gator touchdown; and

WHEREAS, Classmates at Decatur High School selected Dom Cooks to serve in leadership as an Associated Student Body officer; and

WHEREAS, His schoolwide daily announcements always include an inspirational message every morning; and

WHEREAS, Indeed, an article in a recent issue of the Federal Way Mirror newspaper reported that Dom Cooks wants to be a motivational speaker after he defeats cancer; and

WHEREAS, He says in the newspaper item: "I'm just trying to make the most of my life. I want to give back to kids and let them know that nothing is impossible"; and

WHEREAS, No weapon formed against Cooks shall prosper, for he is more than a conqueror;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the spirit and perseverance of Federal Way's Dom Cooks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Dom Cooks, and to his cherished Decatur High School.

The Speaker (Representative Hudgins presiding) stated the question before the House to be adoption of House Resolution No. 4691.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4691 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4692, by Representatives Zeiger, Morrell, Wilcox, and G. Hunt

WHEREAS, On October 8, 1853, the Longmire-Biles party crossed over the South Hill in Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, This wagon train would forever change the Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, These two separate wagon trains became one at the Columbia River, blazed their own trail, and deviated from the established path of the Oregon Trail, eventually crossing over via the Native American trail of the Naches Pass in the Cascade Mountains; and

WHEREAS, The high elevation of the pass proved difficult to the wagon party, but through the resilience of these men and women, along with their overwhelming courage to forge a new life for themselves, they emerged unscathed from the pass and began to make the trek towards the town of Alderton; and

WHEREAS, The Longmire-Biles party reached the area that would be the town of Alderton within one week, and from there the party decided to continue their journey to climb the South Hill; and

WHEREAS, To commemorate their crossing onto the South Hill and to mark where these men and women settled, Pierce County erected a marker to remind those who currently reside in the area of the settlers who came before them, established a new life for themselves, and paved the way for future generations to settle on the South Hill; and

WHEREAS, These pioneers went further around the area and settled in various parts of the region, including the present day areas of 94th Avenue, Rogers High School, and Woodland Avenue, eventually stopping their trek at the Mahon Ranch, which is the current day Brookdale Golf Course, and laying the foundation for the area to flourish and continue to attract people to our region; and

WHEREAS, The courage and resolve of these men and women to settle an uncharted area, to uproot their family, and to brave the difficulties of the Oregon Trail and Naches Pass in order to make a new life for themselves requires that we honor them and their journey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Longmire-Biles crossing into Washington State and the establishment of South Hill and the areas surrounding it.

The Speaker (Representative Hudgins presiding) stated the question before the House to be adoption of House Resolution No. 4692.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4692 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4693, by Representative Hawkins

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State House of Representatives to recognize the achievements and hard work of Olympic athletes representing Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Brian Gregg, Sadie Bjornsen, Erik Bjornsen and Torin Koos competed for the cross-country program of the United States Nordic Ski Team during the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Krasnodor Krai, Russia; and

WHEREAS, These four North Central Washington area natives set high goals and overcame adversity in order to qualify for and compete in the 2014 Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, These athletes deserve recognition for the hard work and dedication they have displayed over the years to achieve this high honor; and

WHEREAS, Brian Gregg, a Winthrop native and distance and freestyle specialist on the 14-member cross-country skiing team, placed 47th in the 30k skiathlon and the 15km classic, and 51st in the 50k mass start free style; and

WHEREAS, Sadie Bjornsen, also of Winthrop, competed in her first Olympic event and placed 31st in the cross-country ladies skiathlon 7.5km classic and in the 7.5km free skiathlon, 18th in the 10km classic, and 9th in the 4X5km cross-country relay; and

WHEREAS, Erik Bjornsen, Sadie Bjornsen's younger brother and making his debut on the national team, placed 42nd in the skiathlon 15km classic and 15km free skiathlon, 38th in the 15km classic, 11th in the 4X10km relay, and 6th in the sprint free classic; and

WHEREAS, Torin Koos remains the reigning United States national freestyle sprint champion, winning his eighth national championship at the 2014 United States Cross Country Championships in January; and

WHEREAS, Koos has competed in a total of four Olympic events – Salt Lake City, Utah; Turin, Italy; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Sochi, Krasnodor Krai, Russia; and

WHEREAS, Gregg and the Bjornsen siblings are alumni of the Methow Valley Nordic Team; and

WHEREAS, Koos is a long-time participant of the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club; and

WHEREAS, This body recognizes that these Washington-raised Olympic competitors are outstanding examples of the many

opportunities provided by communities within the 12th Legislative District; and

WHEREAS, Cross-country skiing is a proud tradition in both the Methow Valley and Leavenworth communities and is significant to these communities' identities; and

WHEREAS, The accomplishments of these four athletes raise awareness of the recreation opportunities these communities have to offer and that outdoor recreation contributes to both fitness and tourism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and honor Brian Gregg, Sadie Bjornsen, Erik Bjornsen, and Torin Koos, who represented our communities, state, and country in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Krasnodor Krai, Russia, and acknowledge them for their endurance, determination, and hard work as they tirelessly pursued their sport. The House of Representatives further recognize that these Olympic athletes are deserving of their many achievements and accolades and should be honored for these accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives immediately transmit copies of this resolution to Brian Gregg, Sadie Bjornsen, Erik Bjornsen, Torin Koos, the Board of Directors of the Methow Valley Nordic Ski Education Foundation, and the Board of Directors of the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club.

The Speaker (Representative Hudgins presiding) stated the question before the House to be adoption of House Resolution No. 4693.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4693 was adopted.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the eleventh order of business.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., February 28, 2014, the 47th Day of the Regular Session.

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker

BARBARA BAKER, Chief Clerk

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