

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4602, by Representatives Zeiger, Tarleton, Kochmar, Orwall, MacEwen, Haler, Stambaugh, Senn, Hayes, Carlyle, Wilcox, Riccelli, Walkinshaw, Lytton, Jinkins, Appleton, Johnson, McCabe, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chopp, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Fagan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Gregerson, Gregory, Griffey, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Holy, Hudgins, G. Hunt, S. Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Takko, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Vick, Walsh, Wilson, Wylie, and Young

1 WHEREAS, Daniel J. Evans, whose great-grandfather settled in Port  
2 Gamble, Kitsap County, in 1859, summited his first peak at the age of  
3 12, and that climb of Silver Peak near Snoqualmie Pass made an  
4 indelible impression on the young Boy Scout from Seattle; and

5 WHEREAS, Dan Evans earned the rank of Eagle Scout and graduated  
6 from Roosevelt High School in 1943 before serving in the United  
7 States Navy from that year to 1946, achieving the rank of ensign,  
8 then earned bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from  
9 the University of Washington; and

10 WHEREAS, Dan Evans returned to the Navy as a lieutenant when the  
11 Korean War began in 1951, eventually serving as an admiral's aide at  
12 the peace negotiations at Panmunjom, where the cease-fire between the  
13 Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea was  
14 signed in 1953; and

15 WHEREAS, On November 6, 1956, voters in the 43rd Legislative  
16 District elected the then 31 year old Dan Evans to represent them in  
17 the Washington State House of Representatives; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Evans, whose maternal grandfather  
19 represented Spokane in the Washington State Senate in 1893, was named  
20 the outstanding freshman legislator of 1957, and went on to be  
21 reelected three more times to the House of Representatives; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Evans became House Minority Leader after  
23 four years as a legislator; and

24 WHEREAS, On November 3, 1964, the people of Washington elected  
25 Representative Evans to be the 16th governor of Washington; making  
26 him the youngest governor in state history, at age 39, and making his  
27 wife, Nancy Bell Evans, a native of Spokane, the youngest first lady  
28 at age 31; and

29 WHEREAS, During his unprecedented three consecutive terms as the  
30 state's chief executive, Governor Dan Evans founded the first state-  
31 level ecology department in the United States, providing a blueprint  
32 for President Nixon's Environmental Protection Agency; and cofounded  
33 the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition; and

1 WHEREAS, Governor Evans directed the creation of councils  
2 advancing the status of women and addressing issues relating to  
3 Native Americans and Asian-Americans, energy policy, thermal power  
4 plant siting, mental health services, and the prevention of drug  
5 abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, It was Governor Evans who directed the creation of the  
7 office of community development, and the council on higher education,  
8 and championed the creation of the state's community college system;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Governor Evans signed legislation making special  
11 education mandatory in Washington, and promoted the employment of  
12 people with disabilities, encouraging the removal of barriers to  
13 mobility; and

14 WHEREAS, Governor Evans became President Evans after his third  
15 term as governor, when in 1977 he became president of The Evergreen  
16 State College in Olympia; and

17 WHEREAS, President Evans became United States Senator Evans in  
18 1983 when he was appointed and then elected senator; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Evans' accomplishments included the 1984  
20 Washington Wilderness Act, which established 19 new wilderness areas,  
21 the Washington Park Wilderness Act of 1988, which created wilderness  
22 areas within Mount Rainier and Olympic and North Cascades National  
23 Parks, and extended protection to a favorite alpine lake in the  
24 Olympic Mountains called Lake of the Angels; and

25 WHEREAS, After leaving public office in 1988, he remained active  
26 in our state's public and private sectors, including 12 years as a  
27 regent for his alma mater, the University of Washington; and

28 WHEREAS, His contributions to the people of Washington continue  
29 to this day, through his service as a long time member of the  
30 advisory board for the William D. Ruckelshaus Center; and

31 WHEREAS, First Lady Nancy Bell Evans also distinguished herself  
32 through her major public service contributions, including serving on  
33 the Board of Trustees of her alma mater Whitman College, and her  
34 leadership in achieving a major restoration of the Governor's Mansion  
35 and creation of the Governor's Mansion Foundation, which continues to  
36 care for and add to the historical resources of the Mansion; and

37 WHEREAS, Dan Evans has been recognized by the University of  
38 Washington, which named its School of Public Affairs for him, where  
39 the governor and Nancy serve on the advisory board; and

40 WHEREAS, Dan Evans has been recognized by The Evergreen State  
41 College, which named its library for him; and

42 WHEREAS, A man once referred to as "Old Gluefoot" for his ability  
43 to avoid mingling in a roomful of people is described today as "a  
44 master at uniting the uncommon"; and

45 WHEREAS, As governor, Dan Evans earned the nickname "Straight  
46 Arrow" for his honesty, and was later recognized by the University of  
47 Michigan as one of the Ten Outstanding Governors in the 20th Century;  
48 and

49 WHEREAS, Dan Evans, who once said he "would rather cross the  
50 aisle than cross the people," is one of the most popular and  
51 respected public servants in Washington history;

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in commemoration of the 50th  
53 anniversary of Dan Evans' inaugural installation as Governor, the  
54 Washington State House of Representatives congratulate Senator and  
55 Governor Dan Evans for his service to the people of Washington and to  
56 the United States of America; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
2 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
3 Representatives to the Honorable Daniel J. Evans, in recognition and  
4 appreciation of his commitment to the people of Washington and the  
5 great state in which they live.

6 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
7 Resolution 4602 adopted by the House of Representatives  
8 January 13, 2015

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BARBARA BAKER