

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4629, by Representatives S. Hunt, Reykdal, Short, Appleton, Takko, Sawyer, Santos, Pollet, Ryu, Moeller, Springer, Magendanz, Sullivan, Chopp, Pettigrew, Orwall, Hunter, Carlyle, Wylie, Gregerson, McBride, Peterson, Kilduff, Kagi, Robinson, Clibborn, Cody, Ormsby, Jenkins, Blake, Hansen, Stanford, Fitzgibbon, Walkinshaw, Haler, Morris, Holy, Caldier, Fagan, Kochmar, Johnson, Senn, Bergquist, Zeiger, Sells, Van Werven, Stambaugh, Orcutt, Muri, MacEwen, Manweller, McCabe, DeBolt, Griffey, and Walsh

1 WHEREAS, For 20 years TVW has opened state government to the  
2 people of Washington, offering unedited "gavel-to-gavel" coverage of  
3 government deliberations and public policy events of statewide  
4 significance since signal activation on April 10, 1995; and

5 WHEREAS, TVW was the brainchild of Congressman Denny Heck, who  
6 currently represents Washington's 10th Congressional District, and  
7 previously served as majority leader in the Washington State House of  
8 Representatives and chief of staff to Governor Booth Gardner and  
9 veteran state government official Stan Marshburn; and

10 WHEREAS, TVW's founders believed that the people of Washington  
11 deserved to be able to watch their elected officials in action, even  
12 if they could not be physically present in Olympia; and

13 WHEREAS, Since its inception, TVW has televised well over 30,000  
14 hours of public policy proceedings, including coverage of the  
15 legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, state  
16 agencies, state elections, and public policy events hosted by  
17 nongovernmental organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, The first event televised by TVW was a death penalty  
19 case before the Washington State Supreme Court, through which TVW  
20 also made history with the first-ever televised state court  
21 proceeding; and

22 WHEREAS, TVW televises all floor debates in the Washington State  
23 Senate and House of Representatives, offers live and archived  
24 coverage of all committee hearings in the Senate and House via  
25 television or webcast on-demand, and archives all of its coverage for  
26 citizens to view online, on-demand; and

27 WHEREAS, When the Legislature is not meeting in Olympia, TVW's  
28 mobile camera units cover legislative and public policy events across  
29 Washington, which are available on TVW's increasingly popular web  
30 site, tvw.org, which handles over 5 million online plays of its  
31 videos each year, with demand continuing to grow steadily; and

32 WHEREAS, The cable television industry carries TVW for free,  
33 giving TVW \$7 million per year in free carriage and enabling TVW to  
34 reach two-thirds of state residents via television; and

1 WHEREAS, TVW allows the news media free access to its footage,  
2 making it easier for television, radio, and newspaper reporters to  
3 cover state government even when not physically present at the  
4 Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, TVW educates young people about civics and government  
6 through its free civics education programs for teachers and students  
7 throughout the state, including its "Teach with TVW" web site,  
8 innovative "Capitol Classroom" program, and award-winning "Engaged:  
9 Students Becoming Citizens" video series; and

10 WHEREAS, TVW produces award-winning shows, includingn *Inside*  
11 *Olympia*, *The Impact*, and *Legislative Review*, which highlight key  
12 legislative debates and decisions; and

13 WHEREAS, TVW has won four regional Emmy Awards in its history,  
14 including three Emmy Awards in the last two years;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
16 of Representatives congratulate TVW on 20 years of service to the  
17 people of Washington State; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
19 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
20 Representatives to TVW's president and CEO, and the TVW Board of  
21 Directors.

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23 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
24 Resolution 4629 adopted by the House of Representatives  
25 April 1, 2015  
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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk