HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4634, by Representative Wylie

- WHEREAS, Washington State has a rich history of prominent artists who contribute to the culture, economic development, and enrichment of many lives; and
- WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the value of our history and indigenous ancient arts, as well as modern contributions; and
- WHEREAS, In 1943, after graduating from Vancouver High School, James Lee Hansen enlisted in the United States Navy and served on Destroyer USS Preston in the Pacific for three years; and

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- WHEREAS, James Lee Hansen, a lifelong resident of Washington, has been a leader of the Northwest master artists, teaching sculpture for over 26 years at Portland State University, Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, and the University of California at Berkeley; and
- 14 WHEREAS, As sculptor and poet, James Lee Hansen made a unique 15 contribution to history by preserving and honoring the past while 16 producing a large body of contemporary bronze sculptures and teaching 17 others the craft of bronze casting; and
- WHEREAS, James Lee Hansen, before the damming of the Columbia and John Day rivers, made castings of the ancient petroglyphs that became submerged and destroyed by the resulting reservoirs; and
- 21 WHEREAS, In 1959 James Lee Hansen organized a collaborative of 22 regional artists to create major architectural art commissions 23 throughout the Northwest; and

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1	WHEREAS, James Lee Hansen designed large concrete panels for the
2	Clark County Title Company in Vancouver, Washington, which the city
3	has reclaimed, preserved, and moved to adorn an entrance to their new
4	waterfront park; and
5	WHEREAS, The body of work that James Lee Hansen, the artist,
6	produced over a lifetime is represented by major public works in
7	Olympia, Vancouver, and other cities and towns in Washington State,
8	as well as other cities and museums across the nation;
9	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
10	of Representatives recognize and appreciate James Lee Hansen and his
11	unique contribution to preserving, honoring, and celebrating the
12	creativity, innovation, and richness of the arts of the past, the
13	present, and the future.
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15	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
16	Resolution 4634 adopted by the House of Representatives
17	January 19, 2022
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk

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