<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4644</u>, by Representatives Pettigrew, Santos, Ryu, and Ortiz-Self

- WHEREAS, In 1990, Herbert Tsuchiya, a retired pharmacist and 1 2 long-time community activist, his wife Bertha Lung Tsuchiya, and Sam 3 Mitsui, a member of the highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team 4 during World War II, decided to take community ownership of the issue 5 of hunger by organizing a walk to help the Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) Food Bank provide rice and other culturally 6 7 familiar foods to the most vulnerable among us, including Asians and 8 Pacific Islanders and others in need; and
 - WHEREAS, 25 years ago, Mr. Tsuchiya and Mr. Mitsui organized the first Walk for Rice at the Chinese Baptist Church in Beacon Hill under the sponsorship of the Blaine Methodist Church, Chinese Baptist Church, and Japanese Baptist Church with 45 participants raising \$1,800 towards ending hunger in the community; and

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- WHEREAS, For 25 consecutive years, Mr. Tsuchiya and Mr. Mitsui have dedicated themselves to the issue of hunger by organizing, walking, and running in the Walk for Rice, which in 2014 had over 1,000 participants and raised a record high of \$274,538 in donations; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Each year at Walk for Rice, the community gathers to 20 honor the legacy Mr. Tsuchiya, Mr. Mitsui, and Mrs. Tsuchiya created 21 by coming together to fight hunger in our communities and support the 22 ACRS Food Bank; and

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1	WHEREAS, Through the ongoing efforts of Mr. Tsuchiya and Mr.
2	Mitsui, Walk for Rice has helped the ACRS Food Bank distribute over
3	969,801 pounds of food to 5,665 families that visit the food bank
4	over 120,000 times annually; and
5	WHEREAS, Mr. Tsuchiya and Mr. Mitsui with many others continue to
6	support ACRS, Walk for Rice, and other organizations and projects
7	that enrich and strengthen our community;
8	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
9	of Representatives honor and celebrate the achievements and impact of
10	Herbert Tsuchiya's and Sam Mitsui's many contributions to our
11	community.
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13	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
14	Resolution 4644 adopted by the House of Representatives
15	May 26, 2015
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21	Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk

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