

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4663, by Representative Dufault

1 WHEREAS, Washington State is home to artists who enrich our
2 communities and elevate the human experience; and

3 WHEREAS, Nationally acclaimed sculptor and painter Simon Kogan,
4 an Olympia resident, emigrated from the Soviet Union to the United
5 States in 1991 in pursuit of the American dream; and

6 WHEREAS, Simon Kogan, inspired by the first stanza in the song
7 "America the Beautiful," designed and constructed the World War II
8 Memorial on the Washington State Capitol campus, dedicated in 1999 to
9 honor the Veterans of that conflict, including the nearly 6,000
10 Washingtonians who made the ultimate sacrifice; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1999, Simon Kogan's monument, Motherhood, was
12 dedicated in Olympia's Percival Landing Park; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2004, Simon Kogan completed the Justice William O.
14 Douglas Memorial statue at Davis High School, where the late United
15 States Supreme Court Justice both studied and taught when it was
16 called North Yakima High School; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2005, Simon Kogan designed and constructed the Temple
18 Beth Shalom Holocaust Memorial in Spokane to remember the 6 million
19 lives lost and the countless lives never to be born; and

20 WHEREAS, Simon Kogan's extensive body of work is inextricably
21 linked to the cultural fabric of Washington State and its history;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, Simon Kogan has devoted his life to the mentorship of
2 young artists in the United States and around the world;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of
4 Representatives, on behalf of the people of the State of Washington,
5 recognize and honor the life and work of Simon Kogan; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
7 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives to Simon Kogan and his family.

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