
TWENTY EIGHTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Tuesday, May 26, 2015

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Ormsby presiding).

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4644, by **Representatives Pettigrew, Santos, Ryu, and Ortiz-Self**

WHEREAS, In 1990, Herbert Tsuchiya, a retired pharmacist and long-time community activist, his wife Bertha Lung Tsuchiya, and Sam Mitsui, a member of the highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II, decided to take community ownership of the issue of hunger by organizing a walk to help the Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) Food Bank provide rice and other culturally familiar foods to the most vulnerable among us, including Asians and 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

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

WHEREAS, Each year at *Walk for Rice*, the community gathers to honor the legacy Mr. Tsuchiya, Mr. Mitsui, and Mrs. Tsuchiya created by coming together to fight hunger in our communities and support the ACRS Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, Through the ongoing efforts of Mr. Tsuchiya and Mr. Mitsui, *Walk for Rice* has helped the ACRS Food Bank distribute over 969,801 pounds of food to 5,665 families that visit the food bank over 120,000 times annually; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tsuchiya and Mr. Mitsui with many others continue to support ACRS, *Walk for Rice*, and other organizations and projects that enrich and strengthen our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor and celebrate the achievements and impact of Herbert Tsuchiya's and Sam Mitsui's many contributions to our community.

The Speaker (Representative Ormsby presiding) stated the question before the House to be adoption of House Resolution No. 4644.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4644 was adopted.

The Speaker (Representative Ormsby presiding) called upon Representative Sullivan to preside.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the eighth order of business.

There being no objection, the Committee on Appropriations was relieved of HOUSE BILL NO. 2214 and the bill was placed on the second reading calendar.

There being no objection, the Committee on Rules was relieved of ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1299 and the bill was placed on the second reading calendar.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the eleventh order of business.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., May 27, 2015, the 29th Day of the First Special Session.

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker

BARBARA BAKER, Chief Clerk

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