

FORTY SEVENTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Friday, February 23, 2024

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

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

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4677, by Representative Donaghy

WHEREAS, The State of Washington is concerned about the well-being and safety of its residents and businesses, and seeks to provide resilient communities, where resilience is defined as a community's ability to withstand chronic stresses and acute shocks while still maintaining essential functions and recovering quickly and effectively; and

WHEREAS, Extreme weather events are occurring more frequently; and

WHEREAS, The State of Washington sits on the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a 1,000 kilometer long subduction zone stretching from British Columbia to Oregon and could generate a 9.0 magnitude earthquake; and

WHEREAS, Access to energy during and soon after a natural disaster can improve recovery timelines and maintain access to critical services such as health care, food, and drinking water; and

WHEREAS, The domestic maritime industry has a history of first response actions in the event of a disaster, including removing over 500,000 people from lower Manhattan during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and delivering food, water, baby formula, fuel, electrical generators, and more to Maui after the devastating wildfires of August 2023; and

WHEREAS, The domestic maritime industry in Washington State employs 22,500 men and women that generate \$1.5 billion in labor income; and

WHEREAS, The domestic maritime industry in Washington State stands ready to serve Washington residents in the event of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, The domestic maritime industry is a critical component to the economy of Washington State and its ability to recover rapidly from natural disasters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House affirm its resolute support for the domestic maritime industry's ability to serve Washingtonians in the event of a natural disaster.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4677 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4679, by Representatives Ryu, Thai, Ramel, Stearns, Bronoske, Leavitt, Goehner, Walen, and Davis

WHEREAS, Kimchi is a traditional Korean dish with a long, rich history beginning over 2,000 years ago during the time of the three kingdoms of Korea; and

WHEREAS, "Kimjang," the process by which kimchi is prepared, has been recognized as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; and

WHEREAS, Kimchi is found for sale across the United States at major retailers and is becoming an international staple as an excellent source of probiotics, filate, beta-carotene, choline,

potassium, calcium, and vitamins A, C, and K, many of which contribute to lower rates of stroke, cancer, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, The growing interest in and popularity of kimchi as a dish in the United States, as evidenced by an increase in available kimchi-related products, menu items, and interest from nonKorean consumers, represents a positive example of multicultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, South Korea celebrates "National Kimchi Day" on November 22nd, representing the 11 major ingredients and 22 health benefits of the dish; and

WHEREAS, Washington state has the fifth highest concentration of Korean Americans in the United States and this growing community has greatly contributed to the vibrant, diverse culture of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate November 22nd as Kimchi Day in recognition of the history and importance of a beloved food staple first introduced in Washington state by the Korean American community.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4679 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4680, by Representative Jinkins

WHEREAS, The Oasis Youth Center in Tacoma, Washington has been serving the greater Pierce county community for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, In that time more than 10,000 youth, staff, and volunteers have participated in Oasis; and

WHEREAS, The Oasis Youth Center provides a safe place for LGBTQ+ youth to learn more about themselves; and

WHEREAS, They help youth in Tacoma and across Pierce county access services like mental health care, emergency financial assistance, housing, education, legal resources, and more; and

WHEREAS, They have hosted Thursday night check-ins almost every week for the last 39 years, giving youth a space to gather, access resources, and build community; and

WHEREAS, The Oasis Youth Center provides leadership opportunities by partnering with the youth they serve, ensuring that young people have a shared role in the organization; and

WHEREAS, You can find them hosting everything from open mic nights to "Queer Chef," where youth learn about cooking, food, and nutrition, to creating partnerships with the Tacoma Youth Symphony where youth can access music programming; and

WHEREAS, These services can be lifesaving for our LGBTQ+ youth, helping to build our communities and ensuring everyone has the resources they need to thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House of Representatives celebrate the Oasis Youth Center for their many decades of work on behalf of the LGBTQ+ youth in Pierce county.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4680 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4681, by Representatives Eslick and Schmidt

WHEREAS, Medal of Honor and two Medals of Valor recipient Chief James A. Delissio served over 40 years in federal,

state, and local law enforcement protecting the 37th President of the United States; prosecuting mob bosses, often in deep cover operations; and saving untold numbers of citizens from grievous harm; and

WHEREAS, The proliferation of domestic terror saw the United States experience more than 2,500 domestic bombings in just 18 months in 1971 and 1972. Jim's extraordinary career began in the United States Department of the Treasury as a Special Agent eventually being assigned to a Federal Strike Force where he and his team foiled a major domestic terror plot; and

WHEREAS, Terrorists planned a horrific attack on New York City using truck bombs to simultaneously blow up the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels, and the George Washington Bridge on New Year's Eve 1970. Jim and his team discovered the terrorists' hideout and bombs. The team drew straws for who would breach the hideout doors. Jim drew the short straw; and

WHEREAS, Jim and his three teammates foiled the plot with no time to spare, many unsuspecting New Yorkers were saved, and a national disaster and potential civil unrest averted at the risk to their own lives. For their selfless bravery, Jim and his team were each presented the Medal of Honor by President Richard Nixon at the White House. Details of the case remain sealed to this day; and

WHEREAS, Due to Jim's Italian heritage and language skills, he was assigned to a Federal Strike Force specializing in organized crime. Jim and his team intercepted a conversation revealing a hitman, contracted by Mafioso John Gotti to kill a New Jersey businessman. Upon apprehension, the hitman agreed to cooperate with the authorities and take an agent undercover. Jim was the one chosen and spent several years within the Gambino Crime Family as a covert operative. During this clandestine operation his cover was compromised, resulting in a targeted attempt on his life and that of his wife; and

WHEREAS, Jim was instrumental in bringing to justice crime boss Frank Lucas, whose story was later adapted into the movie "American Gangster"; and

WHEREAS, Jim received the Medal of Valor on two separate incidents: One, for he and his partner being first on the scene of a burning apartment building and rushing through the smoke and flames to save six people; and the second, for an undercover sting of a continental drug ring, netting one of the largest drug busts to that time; and

WHEREAS, Transitioning to the State of New Jersey's Essex County Prosecutor's office, Jim excelled in various squads, ultimately rising to the rank of Deputy Chief responsible for the administration and management of the largest law enforcement Prosecutor's office in the state; and

WHEREAS, After service as Chief of the Oak Creek, Colorado, Police Department, Jim and his wife Roberta relocated to Monroe, Washington, formerly in the 39th district. With his two master's degrees and a Ph.D., Jim operates as a Certified Public Accountant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Chief James "Jim" A. Delissio for his immeasurable contributions to law enforcement and public safety across the nation, and welcome Jim and Roberta to their new home in our great state of Washington.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4681 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4682, by Representatives Santos and Lekanoff

WHEREAS, John McCoy was a dedicated public servant, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who gave tirelessly to his family and community; and

WHEREAS, John began his honorable record of public service with a 20-year career in the United States Air Force taking him around the world and finally to the White House situation room as a computer technician during the Reagan administration; and

WHEREAS, He was called home to the Tulalip Tribes to lead the ambitious and diverse economic development plans including Quil Ceda Village, high speed internet, and access to computers,

which led him to be named "Executive of the Year" by the Puget Sound Business Journal; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County's 38th Legislative District first elected John to serve in the House of Representatives in 2003 where he rededicated his commitment to serve his community; and

WHEREAS, John championed many issues including water quality, alternative energy, access to technology, support for those with traumatic brain injuries, dental care on Tribal reservations, and voting access for Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, The issue closest to John's heart was education, and he personally taught, with patience, kindness, and perseverance, every person who came into his circle; and

WHEREAS, John's passion for education inspired him to advocate for and pass legislation that ensured Indigenous history, culture, and government would be accurately taught in all Washington schools; and

WHEREAS, The "Since Time Immemorial" curriculum has provided teachers and students with tools and resources designed to deepen understanding of Tribal sovereignty and lift the stories of Tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, The Evergreen State College saw the teacher in John and offered a position as adjunct professor where he helped establish the Tribal Governance concentration of the MPA program and, consequently, in recognition of his dedication, granted him an honorary MPA degree; and

WHEREAS, John felt deeply his obligations to both Indian Country and the state of Washington, was unwavering in his determination to honorably serve all his constituents with equal care and attention, and led by example as the long-serving chair of the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators where he mentored other Indigenous state lawmakers from across the United States who also took on the tough job of bridging the divide between two sovereigns; and

WHEREAS, John's legislative district in 2013 honored his steady leadership by choosing him for a position in the Washington State Senate where he served as the Majority Caucus Chair and where he once again fostered a culture of deeper understanding and fairness that continues to influence state governance long after his exemplary career of public service concluded with his retirement in 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor John McCoy and his family for the contributions and sacrifices made in service to his community, to Native Nations, to the state of Washington, and to this institution.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4682 was adopted.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1249
HOUSE BILL NO. 1530
HOUSE BILL NO. 1972
HOUSE BILL NO. 2111

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1920
HOUSE BILL NO. 1954
HOUSE BILL NO. 1975
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2136
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2296

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Colleen Pehar, Deputy Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5949

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Colleen Pehar, Deputy Secretary

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

ESSB 5949 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Mullet and Schoesler)

AN ACT Relating to the capital budget; amending RCW 70A.65.305, 70A.305.190, and 43.19.125; amending 2023 c 474 ss 1007, 1011, 1013, 1017, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1028, 1032, 1034, 1041, 1035, 6076, 1038, 1026, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1054, 1055, 1061, 1065, 1070, 2026, 2031, 2035, 2044, 2046, 2049, 3028, 3032, 3046, 3056, 3062, 3065, 3066, 3064, 3080, 3102, 3115, 3120, 3122, 5001, 5002, 5003, 5005, 5006, 5008, 5013, 5014, 5015, 5031, 5032, 5033, 5038, 5056, 5072, 6236, 5082, 5085, 5086, 5087, 5089, 6002, 6029, 6043, 6061, 6068, 6045, 6084, 6051, 6052, 6053, 6066, 6073, 6097, 6104, 6105, 6135, 6164, 6165, 6179, 6228, 6328, 6336, 6337, 6366, 6376, 6392, 6460, 6496, 8001, and 8002 (uncodified); adding new sections to 2023 c 474 (uncodified); adding a new section to chapter 70A.01 RCW; creating new sections; repealing 2023 c 474 ss 6083, 6343, 6489, and 6490 (uncodified); and declaring an emergency.

There being no objection, ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5949 was read the first time, and under suspension of the rules, was placed on the second reading calendar.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 24, 2024, the 48th Day of the 2024 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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