

SIXTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FORTIETH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Friday, February 16, 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. 2024-4666, by Representatives Stearns and Chopp

WHEREAS, The Burke Museum was founded in 1885 by the Young Naturalists' Society, a group of curious teenagers inspired by seeing Seattle transform before their eyes, and has built upon this legacy, collecting objects and artifacts that help us understand how the Northwest has grown and changed; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 1899, the Washington State Legislature first designated the Burke Museum the State Museum of Washington as "a depository for the preservation and exhibition of documents and objects possessing an historical value, of materials illustrating the fauna, flora, anthropology, mineral wealth, and natural resources of the state, and for all documents and objects whose preservation will be of value to the student of history and the natural sciences"; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the Burke Museum has had the great honor to share and care for more than 18 million fossils, cultural items, and specimens from the Pacific Northwest and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Burke Museum continues to serve Washington state by providing hands-on science and culture education, conducting original research and establishing baseline data, preserving our shared heritage, and providing tools for state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Burke Museum education programs use authentic materials and specimens to inspire learners of all ages to ask questions about the world around us, foster curiosity, and create wonder; and

WHEREAS, Students, researchers, artists, and community members draw on the collections to build knowledge of our world and address challenges facing communities in the Pacific Northwest and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, The Burke Museum's research and programs partner with institutions, communities, and people around the world to understand our past and create positive change in the future; and

WHEREAS, The Burke Museum maintains relationships with communities and tribes to preserve the ingenuity, creativity, science, and complex knowledge of natural and cultural resources, acknowledging they are the caretakers while tribes and community members are the experts; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of people have championed the work of the Burke Museum through the years, including visitors, tribal nations, and an inclusive group of researchers, enabling the museum to continue to share collections so all people can learn, be inspired, generate knowledge, feel joy, and heal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the cultural and scientific contributions of the Burke Museum and celebrate its 125th Anniversary as the official State Museum of Washington.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4666 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4669, by Representative Schmick

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran wrestled in high school for two years; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran was encouraged by Hall of Famer Joe Babi to start his career as a wrestling official while living in Eastern Washington; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran began officiating for the Whitman County Wrestling Officials Association in 1987 and quickly became very successful; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran was awarded the Washington State Outstanding Wrestling Official recognition in 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Whitman County Wrestling Officials Association only services a few schools, Terry also officiates for the Inland Empire Wrestling Officials Association and the Idaho District 2 Wrestling Officials Associations; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran has served in a leadership position starting in 1997, as the Whitman County Wrestling Association Assigning Secretary, a position he still holds; and

WHEREAS, Cochran has officiated in 30 Washington State Wrestling Tournaments and six Idaho State Wrestling Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Over his 35-year officiating career, Cochran has officiated numerous league, district, and regional tournaments where he was the head official for many of those tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran also officiates USA Wrestling tournaments and officiated some college club wrestling from 2008-2013; and

WHEREAS, Terry Cochran proudly approached his officiating duties to highlight the athleticism and skills of the wrestlers, not to draw attention to the referee. He valued and officiated in a manner which emphasized safety for the wrestlers. He has garnered such respect that it is not uncommon for him to receive a handshake and words of appreciation from wrestlers he may run into off the mat; and

WHEREAS, Outside of officiating wrestling, Terry is an event volunteer for the Colfax Chamber of Commerce; Fire Commissioner for District 11 of Whitman County; member of the Steptoe Fire Department since 2015; and volunteer in the Beef Barn and at the Steptoe Food Booth at the Palouse Empire Fair for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, As a Service Technician for Jones Truck and Implement, Cochran currently resides near Colfax, Washington, with his wife, Nancy. They have two adult children, Maggee and Ben, and five grandchildren: Waylon, Zaidee, Murphee, Case, and Loudon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor and congratulate Terry Cochran; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Terry Cochran.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4669 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4670, by Representative Corry

WHEREAS, Upon earning his wings in December 1943, United States Army Air Forces veteran Captain Richard "Dick" Alan Nelms served in the European Theater during World War II

as a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress copilot and pilot, assigned to the 447th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, based out of Rattlesden, Suffolk County, England; and

WHEREAS, Dick Nelms flew 35 missions into Nazi-occupied territories, including Germany and France, sustaining combat damage in 25 of those missions, and helped create and coordinate food and supply drops to the Marquis Freedom Fighters in France and others; and

WHEREAS, Dick Nelms earned multiple awards of valor for his service, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, five Air Medals, the Presidential Unit Citation, the French Legion of Honor Medal, and received a Certificate of Special Recognition for participation in the Battle of Normandy and the liberation of France and Europe; and

WHEREAS, Following the war, Dick Nelms established a successful freelance commercial art business, including a job with the King County Library System in the 1970s, and served as an art director for the next 45 years in the Seattle area; and

WHEREAS, Dick Nelms was commissioned in 1967 to create a new Washington State Seal insignia, selecting a Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington for the design, which was accepted and made the official State Seal by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, After launching his volunteer service at the Museum of Flight in March 2016, Dick Nelms has regularly shared personal stories of how he and his fellow pilots and servicemembers handled the fear and horrors of war with thousands of Museum visitors from around the globe, as well as his sense of pride for "putting a dent in Hitler's war machine"; and

WHEREAS, As part of his Museum volunteer work, Dick has shared his wartime experience in the local community and at engagements across the country with organizations, including schools, museums, community centers, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and at the Air Force Ball celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, On February 17, 2023, Dick Nelms celebrated his 100th Birthday at The Museum of Flight;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor Mr. Dick Nelms for his significant contributions to our state and country.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4670 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4673, by Representative Corry

WHEREAS, After first being elected to public office in 1967 and as mayor in 1979, Barbara Harrer has served the town of Harrah with dedication and honor for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Harrer's unwavering commitment to the betterment of the town of Harrah during her exemplary career, over an unprecedented number of years, has helped to make Harrah what it is today; and

WHEREAS, The leadership and countless hours of selfless service Barbara Harrer has given the town of Harrah has continued to guide it through times of growth, change, and challenges, and has left an enduring imprint on its history; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Harrer is the longest serving mayor in Yakima county; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, Barbara Harrer has led Harrah through several innovative reforms that have dramatically improved the lives of residents and solidified a prosperous future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, The unprecedented number of years Barbara Harrer has served the town of Harrah highlights not just her unwavering dedication, but also the trust and confidence continually bestowed upon her by the citizens of the town; and

WHEREAS, Over her historic career in public service, Barbara Harrer has consistently led by example in public service by demonstrating an unwavering commitment to fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders and truly striving for the common good, which is a testament to her character and tremendous leadership; and

WHEREAS, In January 2024, at the age of 91, and after 56 years of dedicated public service, Barbara Harrer officially retired;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and honor Mrs. Barbara Harrer for her significant contributions to the town of Harrah, Yakima county, and Washington state.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4673 was adopted.

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

ESB 5344 by Senators Schoesler, Dozier, Braun, Wagoner, Warnick, MacEwen and Torres

AN ACT Relating to a public school revolving fund; amending RCW 43.84.092; adding new sections to chapter 43.79 RCW; and providing a contingent effective date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

ESSB 5850 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Braun, Wellman, Frame, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Mullet, Randall, Torres, Valdez and Wilson, C.)

AN ACT Relating to supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school; adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; creating new sections; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Education.

ESB 5906 by Senators Wilson, L., Dozier, Gildon, Holy, Mullet, Torres, Warnick and Wilson, J.

AN ACT Relating to implementing a statewide drug overdose prevention and education campaign; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

E2SSB 5955 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Keiser, Hasegawa, Kauffman, Nguyen and Wilson, C.)

AN ACT Relating to mitigating harm and improving equity in large port districts; amending RCW 53.54.020, 53.54.030, and 53.54.040; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 53.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

ESB 6087 by Senators King, Lovick and Mullet

AN ACT Relating to the fire service training account; and amending RCW 43.43.944.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

E2SSB 6092 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Shewmake and Nguyen)

AN ACT Relating to disclosure of greenhouse gas emissions; adding a new section to chapter 70A.45 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

ESB 6167 by Senator Hasegawa

AN ACT Relating to adopting the recommendations of the capital projects advisory review board regarding local government procurement rules among special purpose districts, first-class and second-class cities, and public utility districts; reenacting and amending RCW 54.04.070, 35.23.352, 35.22.620, 57.08.050, and 52.14.110; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

February 14, 2024

SB 5631 Prime Sponsor, Senator Torres: Requiring state agencies to clearly identify programs and services which accept applicants with deferred action for childhood arrival status. Reported by Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Ramos, Chair; Stearns, Vice Chair; Gregerson; Low and Mena.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives Cheney, Ranking Minority Member; Christian, Assistant Ranking Minority Member.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

February 15, 2024

SB 5884 Prime Sponsor, Senator Trudeau: Concerning court-ordered restitution in environmental criminal cases. Reported by Committee on Environment & Energy

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Doglio, Chair; Mena, Vice Chair; Berry; Duerr; Fey; Lekanoff; Ramel; Slatter and Street.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Dye, Ranking Minority Member; Ybarra, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Abbarno; Barnard; Gohner; and Sandlin.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 19, 2024, the 43rd Day of the 2024 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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