

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95-4618, by Representatives Brumsickle, Johnson, Sheldon, Chappell, Romero and Wolfe

WHEREAS, The legislature is honored to recognize historical events; and

WHEREAS, It took individuals and families with great courage to embark on a journey on the Oregon Trail; and

WHEREAS, The party of settlers in the Simmons wagon train are particularly notable due to the fact that this group made their home in what is now the City of Tumwater; and

WHEREAS, The Simmons party leaders consisted of Michael T. Simmons, George Washington Bush, Gabriel Jones, James McAllister, David Kindred, Jesse Ferguson, and Samuel Crockett; and

WHEREAS, This intrepid group traveled north in 1845 to establish the first permanent American settlement north of the Columbia River, and were instrumental in gaining national attention for the settlement of the Puget Sound Country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize and honor the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the City of Tumwater, and that city's forefathers' pioneer spirit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Mayor of Tumwater and to the Tumwater Pioneer Wagon Train group.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4618 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 9, 1995.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk