

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96-4729, by Representatives Robertson, K. Schmidt, Delvin Sterk, R. Fisher, Scheurman, Conway, Pelesky, Chopp, L. Thomas, Dyer, Cooke, Hatfield, Quall Costa, B. Thomas, Basich and D. Schmidt

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in service to this great state of Washington and

WHEREAS, The occasion of June 8, 1996, marks seventy-five years of excellence in service to the great state of Washington by the Washington State Patrol and its direct predecessor, the Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Efficiency, created on June 8, 1921; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Patrol traces its distinguished history to the dawn of the automobile era and the commissioning of the first six highway patrolmen on September 1, 1921, as motorcycle officers of the Highway Patrol whose broad responsibilities included enforcement of all motor vehicle and transportation laws; and

WHEREAS, In the early part of this century, the leaders of Washington state had the insight and foresight to recognize the increasing and indispensable role that intrastate and interstate transportation would have on the economic well-being of our great state and the nation and as such the great state of Washington was the eighth state in these great United States to establish and create a State Patrol and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Patrol duties and service to the citizens of Washington state have increased dramatically since being founded to include many diverse facets of law enforcement, such as commercial vehicle enforcement, narcotics enforcement, sponsoring clandestine Laboratory Response Teams, six crime laboratories, as well as fire protection services and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Patrol members current and retired who have come to be known as "Troopers" and are easily distinguishable by their winter uniforms dating to the mid-1930's which include a bow tie and campaign hat are first and foremost the highest quality law enforcement officers who by their selfless and courageous service risk their very lives so that our homes, families, and communities will be safe and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Patrol today is led by Chief Annette Sandberg who, as the first female and the youngest person to lead any State Patrol will continue the tradition of innovation, excellence and selfless courageous service to the citizens of Washington state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives is on the highest level of excellence in service to this great state of Washington by the Troopers and employees alike, current and retired of the Washington State Patrol and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Governor of the state of Washington and to the Chief of the Washington State Patrol.

Thereby certified to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4729 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 28, 1996.

Timothy A. Martin Chief Clerk