

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2000-4801, by Representatives Lambert, Dunshee, Cox, Wood, Constantine, O'Brien, Kastama, Tokuda, Lantz, Murray, McIntire, Cody, Conway, Regala, Van Luven, Esser, Pflug, B. Chandler, Mulliken, Schoesler, Parlette, G. Chandler, Talcott, Kenney, Delvin, Schindler, McDonald, Bush, Clements, Buck, Romero, Ballasiotes, Dickerson, Radcliff, Alexander, Sump, Barlean, Benson, Dunn, Anderson, Edwards, Linville, Fisher, Stensen, Miloscia, Edmonds, Wolfe, Huff, Mastin, Keiser, Wensman, Hatfield, Ruderman, Ballard, Boldt, Cairnes, Campbell, Carlson, Carrell, Chopp, Cooper, Crouse, DeBolt, Doumit, Eickmeyer, Ericksen, Fortunato, Gombosky, Grant, Haigh, Hankins, Hurst, Kagi, Kessler, Koster, Lisk, Lovick, McMorris, Mielke, Mitchell, Morris, Ogden, Pennington, Poulsen, Quall, Reardon, Rockefeller, Santos, D. Schmidt, Schual-Berke, Scott, Skinner, D. Sommers, H. Sommers, Sullivan, Thomas, Veloria and Woods

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington state legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Brian Thomas has exhibited the epitome of excellence during his tenure as state representative for the citizens of the 5th Legislative District - south and east King County, including Issaquah, Maple Valley, North Bend, Preston, Renton, Snoqualmie, Twin Falls, and portions of unincorporated King County; and

WHEREAS, Brian Thomas was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington and has lived in the Lake Kathleen area of Renton, King County for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Brian Thomas has been married for thirty-five years to the former Judy Adams of Seattle, and he and his wife, Judy, have three children - all graduates of Issaquah public schools; and

WHEREAS, Brian Thomas has a B.S. in Engineering from Oregon State University, an M.B.A. from Pacific Lutheran University, and attended the University of Washington Law School; and

WHEREAS, Brian Thomas is a retired Research Administrator and Principal Engineer for Puget Power in Bellevue, Washington where he received international recognition for his work on renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Brian Thomas has served as Chair and as Co-chair of the House Finance Committee, a member of the Technology, Telecommunications and Energy Joint Select Committee on Education Restructuring, a member of the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, Chair of the House School Construction Task Force, a member of the Advisory Council, Center for Technical Information - National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), President of the Issaquah School Board to which he was elected to in 1989, a member of the Advisory Board of the Oregon State University Electrical Engineering Department, President and member of the Board of Directors of the Preston Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, a member of the board of directors of Issaquah Valley Community Services, President and member of the Issaquah Rotary, a member of the Issaquah Cemetery Board, a member of the steering committee for the Goodwill Games Soviet Exchange, a past Chairman of the Rotary Student Foreign Exchange Summer Program of King County, a member of the Board of Advisors, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colorado, a member of the Committee on Generation Technology, Northwest Power Planning Council, Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation Emergency Organization, FEMA Region 10, Pacific Northwest, and a Captain in the Coast Guard Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Brian Thomas has been a leader in promoting tax relief and tax fairness for all the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, Brian Thomas has worked hard to create more efficient government, improve the quality of our schools, and protect the rights of property owners; and

WHEREAS, Brian Thomas is respected for his intelligence, his candor, his humor, his sincerity, and his determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor Brian Thomas for his years of dedicated commitment, his personal and professional integrity, and his respect and admiration for the institutions and people that he worked so diligently for; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Brian Thomas.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4801 adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 27, 2000.