

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4606, by Representatives Chopp, DeBolt, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Angel, Appleton, Armstrong, Asay, Bailey, Billig, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Crouse, Dahlquist, Dammeier, Darneille, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eddy, Fagan, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Frockt, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Hope, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jacks, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kirby, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Ladenburg, Lias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, McCune, Miloscia, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Probst, Reykdal, Rivers, Roberts, Rodne, Rolfes, Ross, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Seaquist, Sells, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Taylor, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, The men and women of the Washington State Department of Transportation work around the clock, in all conditions and all over the state, to protect the people of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Billy Rhynalds was a 12-year veteran of the Washington State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhynalds joined the Washington State Department of Transportation after distinguished careers with the Washington National Guard, Weyerhaeuser, and his own tree removal business; and

WHEREAS, In the course of his career with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Billy Rhynalds frequently volunteered to work extra shifts to ensure public safety on the roadways; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhynalds' concern for the safety of the citizens of Washington was abundantly evident during times of flooding and heavy snow; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, January 16, 2011, Billy Rhynalds answered the call to aid the Department of Transportation in clearing flooded roads outside of his regular working hours and was subsequently killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Billy Rhynalds continued his career out of a love for his work even though he was eligible for retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhynalds exemplifies the highest virtues of bravery, dedication, and service to his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Billy Rhynalds is survived by his wife, Betty Rhynalds; two children, Aimee Sherrill and Darin Rhynalds; three grandchildren; five sisters; and three brothers; and

WHEREAS, Billy Rhynalds' commitment to his family, the Department of Transportation, and his fellow citizens of Washington State was both remarkable and commendable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Billy Rhynalds' extraordinary legacy of service and dedication to his community, and extend its deepest condolences to his family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Betty Rhynalds and to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4606 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 26, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk