

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4624, by Representatives Chopp, DeBolt, Pearson, Kristiansen, 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, Ladenburg, Liias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, McCune, Miloscia, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, 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, Jayme Biendl was born on February 6, 1976, the oldest of six children; and

WHEREAS, She is survived by her parents, James and Jackie Hamm, and her three sisters and two brothers, Lisa, Christine, James Jr., Deborah, and Wade, and their spouses, Paul Crosby and Edie Hamm; and

WHEREAS, Jayme grew up in Granite Falls, Washington and is remembered as being a quiet, generous human being who loved her family and horses; and

WHEREAS, Following high school, Jamie married her high school sweetheart, John Biendl, and the two worked together at Biendl Poultry but after almost five years of marriage, John and Jayme divorced; and

WHEREAS, Jayme worked a couple of different jobs before accepting a warehouse worker 2 position with the Monroe Correctional Complex in December 2002; and

WHEREAS, Jayme wowed her supervisors with her "excellent work ethic, communication skills, good organizational skills, and pleasant demeanor"; and

WHEREAS, Jayme made it clear to her supervisors and coworkers that she was eager to learn as much as possible about the prison experience and expressed a desire to work hard to earn promotion; and

WHEREAS, Four months after accepting the warehouse worker 2 position, Jayme applied for a correctional officer 1 position as Jayme's supervisor's described her as "an excellent team member with a willingness to serve as part of the team and that she would be a great asset serving as a correctional officer"; and

WHEREAS, Two months later, in May 2003, Jayme was notified that she had been awarded a temporary appointment as a correctional officer 1 at the Washington State Reformatory Unit; and

WHEREAS, In July 2003, Jayme received notification of her permanent appointment as correctional officer 1; and

WHEREAS, Jayme took every opportunity to learn about the prison experience as she trained and worked as a RDO relief, scanner BFO, A/B Unit officer, and in 2005 she was awarded the position of the Washington State Reformatory Unit's Chapel Officer; and

WHEREAS, Jayme continued to impress her supervisors and was noted as "always being in a positive mood which boosted the morale of the shift; she provided good ideas; was great at multitasking and organization of her work; and she respected her fellow officers"; and

WHEREAS, It was suggested that Jayme consider working as an instructor because she would have "positive influence on new staff entering the department of corrections"; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Jayme was nominated Correctional Officer of the Year by her peers in recognition of her integrity, professionalism, pride, and consistency that all correctional officers should exhibit and strive for; and

WHEREAS, Jayme was commended as "a highly motivated individual that ensures that the goals and the mission of the department are maintained," her "sense of humor coupled with her sense of responsibility and duty contribute greatly to staff morale," and she "is a positive role model which others should emulate"; and

WHEREAS, During her employment with the department of corrections, Jayme received several letters of appreciation that outlined her success in meeting and going beyond the key competencies expected; and

WHEREAS, In January 2009, Jayme was recognized for her prompt response, competency, and integrity following an offender assault in the A/B dining hall during the dinner meal and again, Monroe Correctional Complex acknowledged "how fortunate we are to have Jayme on our team"; and

WHEREAS, Jayme described herself as being "...firm, fair and consistent...and not easily intimidated" and was proud to become a correctional officer because it was a job with great personal and professional rewards and opportunity for growth; and

WHEREAS, On January 29, 2011, the Monroe Correctional Complex, the Washington state department of corrections, and the residents of Washington state lost a beloved daughter, sister, friend, and peer who will be greatly missed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor Jayme Biendl for her exemplary service on behalf of the citizens of Washington state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to her parents, James and Jackie Hamm, and her three sisters and two brothers, Lisa, Christine, Deborah, James Jr., and Wade.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4624 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 23, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk