

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4602, by Representatives Jinkins, Wilcox, Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cheney, Chopp, Christian, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hansen, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, and Ybarra

1 WHEREAS, The Washington House of Representatives, on behalf of
2 the people of the state of Washington, recognize and honor the life
3 and accomplishments of Jamie MacKinnon Walsh, wife of Representative
4 Jim Walsh, mother, architect, and dynamic community member; and

5 WHEREAS, Jamie was born on March 5, 1964, the daughter of Thomas
6 (deceased) and Jeannine MacKinnon; and

7 WHEREAS, Jamie graduated from Smith College with a Bachelors of
8 Arts in Economics in 1986, later earning her Master of Arts in
9 Architecture from University of California Los Angeles in 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, Jamie, at 18 years of age, met her future husband, Jim,
11 when she asked him to dance at a college party, a question the clever
12 young man promptly said yes to; and

13 WHEREAS, Jamie and Jim married in 1989, traveled extensively,
14 lived for a few years in her native California, and eventually
15 settled in Grays Harbor to raise their family in the great state of
16 Washington; and

17 WHEREAS, Jamie, embracing the need to preserve the past, along
18 with Jim, purchased a historical home in Aberdeen built in the 1890s,
19 determined to restore the home and return it to its former glory
20 days; and

21 WHEREAS, Along with being committed to her family and home, Jamie
22 served her community, volunteering countless hours as a catechist at
23 St. Mary Catholic Church; and

1 WHEREAS, As a former Aberdeen Public School board member, Jamie
2 worked tirelessly to improve student achievements in the Aberdeen
3 Public Schools; and

4 WHEREAS, Jamie, through various activities, sought to preserve
5 and protect the coastal Washington way of life; and

6 WHEREAS, Jamie, a talented architect, left her mark on
7 communities of Washington state by designing and renovating several
8 buildings, businesses, and homes; and

9 WHEREAS, Jamie's most significant contributions to future
10 generations reside not only in her volunteer activities, service to
11 her community, and professional achievements, but in the five
12 children she loved, raised, and nurtured; and

13 WHEREAS, Jamie, at 58 years of age, was taken from this life far
14 too early, tragically killed in a head-on collision on Monday,
15 October 24, 2022; and

16 WHEREAS, Jamie leaves behind her husband, Jim, and five children
17 — MacKinnon, James M., Lillian, Margaret, and Patrick, who all adored
18 her; and

19 WHEREAS, Jamie lived the kind of life most people only dream of,
20 filled with family, pursuit, and purpose, without regrets;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of
22 Representatives, on behalf of the people of the state of Washington,
23 recognize and honor the life, family, and work of Jamie MacKinnon
24 Walsh; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
26 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
27 Representatives to Jamie's husband, Representative Jim Walsh, and his
28 family.

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