

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4633, by Representatives Buys, Van Werven, Griffey, Chapman, Schmick, Blake, MacEwen, Nealey, Tharinger, and Orwall

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington state House of
2 Representatives to honor the successes and sacrifices of commercial
3 fishers; and

4 WHEREAS, The Washington state commercial fishing fleet begins
5 leaving in March and May; and

6 WHEREAS, The Washington state commercial fishing fleet is one of
7 the world's largest distant water fleets; and

8 WHEREAS, The commercial fishing industry directly and indirectly
9 employs thousands of people and is one of the largest industries in
10 Washington state; and

11 WHEREAS, The annual commercial fishing harvest is vital to the
12 growth and stability of the Washington state economy; and

13 WHEREAS, The life of a fisher is fraught with danger and hardship
14 most people will never face, and courage is required for anyone who
15 chooses to work on the sea, as fishers must brave the elements in
16 order to harvest the ocean's resources; and

17 WHEREAS, The men and women who work on fishing boats, often in
18 dangerous circumstances, deserve our admiration, thanks, and, when
19 tragedy strikes, our remembrance; and

20 WHEREAS, Too often, the brave men and women of our fishing fleet
21 lose their lives, a tragedy that not only impacts the close-knit
22 community of fishing families in our region, but also our entire
23 state;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
2 extend its condolences to the families and friends of all our fishers
3 who have lost their lives at sea, wish the entire commercial fishing
4 fleet a safe and prosperous season, and express its hope that all of
5 our fishers will return home safely to their families, friends, and
6 communities.

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