

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95-4649, by Representative Hankins

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

WHEREAS, Ed Hendler has exhibited the highest standard of excellence by his volunteer public service from 1970 to 1978 as the chair of the Intercity Bridge Committee which oversaw the design and construction of the Intercity Bridge, which spans the mighty Columbia River, linking the great Eastern Washington cities of Kennewick and Pasco, since September 1978; and

WHEREAS, The Intercity Bridge is an intrepid and enduring engineering endeavor and construction marvel that is 2,503 feet long, 80 feet wide, with a marine navigable vertical clearance of 58.2 feet, known for superior aerodynamic stability, built with 47,550 tons of concrete, 1,738 tons of steel at a cost of 30 million dollars, which attracted renowned international and national engineers for the opportunity to contribute to the building of the first cable-stayed concrete bridge in the United States, which has since won numerous awards for excellence in design and construction; and

WHEREAS, Ed Hendler had the distinctive, committed vision to foresee that such a bridge was indispensable and integral to the continued economic vitality, growth, and prosperity of the Tri-Cities region; and

WHEREAS, As Intercity Bridge chair, Ed Hendler indispensably demonstrated uncommon personal and professional resolve, enthusiasm, skill, talent, commitment, fortitude, sacrifice, perseverance, and the dedication to overcome untold and unforeseeable challenges in all aspects of bridge construction; and

WHEREAS, A powerful, compelling, and symbolic public structure, such as the bridge indicted herewith spanning the mighty Columbia River, embodies and epitomizes the very best of vision and action, struggle and strain, accomplishment and enduring success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington honor the very highest standard of excellence exhibited by Ed Hendler in service as the chair of the Intercity Bridge Committee, whose accomplishments are truly an inspiration to others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives immediately transmit a copy of this resolution to Ed Hendler.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4649 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 6, 1995.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk