

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4634, by Representatives Hatfield, Doumit and Berkey

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the Washington State House of Representatives to recognize courage and heroic acts of bravery by outstanding Washington residents; and

WHEREAS, Fifteen-year-old Bill Keeler of Lebam saved the life of 61-year-old Fred Huber of Frances on June 5, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Huber was attacked by a bull while trying to get his cows out of the road and back into the field early in the morning; and

WHEREAS, Keeler was on a school bus when he saw the bull knock down Huber, then throw Huber six feet into the air; and

WHEREAS, Disregarding the risk to his own safety, Keeler got off the bus, grabbed a garden hose, and started swinging it and yelling at the bull; and

WHEREAS, After hitting the bull on the back and the face with the hose, Keeler stepped between Huber and the bull and continued to shout until the bull retreated to the field; and

WHEREAS, The bus driver radioed for help, and Keeler waited with Huber until the ambulance arrived; and

WHEREAS, Keeler showed quick thinking, courage, and immense bravery by running to Huber's aid; and

WHEREAS, Though Huber suffered five broken ribs, a punctured right lung, and a broken collar bone, he recovered and survived because of Keeler's intervention;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington House of Representatives hereby recognize Bill Keeler's act of heroism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Bill Keeler.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4634 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 23, 2001.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerk