

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4662, by Representatives Muri, Kilduff, Holy, Klippert, Morris, Orwall, Sawyer, Stambaugh, Ryu, Barkis, McDonald, and Dye

1 WHEREAS, On December 18, 2017, Amtrak train No. 501 derailed near
2 DuPont in southern Pierce County at 7:33 a.m. on its inaugural trip
3 of the new stretch of track known as the Point Defiance bypass, with
4 seventy-seven passengers and six crew on board; and

5 WHEREAS, Eighty-five people were injured and three lost their
6 lives; and

7 WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Robert McCoy, an Army medic, was
8 driving on Interstate 5 just as the train derailed and without
9 thought to his welfare, immediately jumped out of his truck and began
10 carrying the wounded out of harm's way and off the road to safety,
11 and then climbed into a suspended train car to help those trapped
12 inside; and

13 WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Daniel Konzelman and Alicia Hoverson, also
14 came upon the scene just after the derailment and quickly helped
15 extricate passengers from the damaged train and were a calming
16 presence to the injured; and

17 WHEREAS, DuPont Mayor Mike Courts and his team just happened to
18 be at City Hall that morning to begin a planned emergency training,
19 and began coordination of the emergency response, opening up City
20 Hall for emergency workers, taking in those affected, providing food,
21 water, and triage services; and

22 WHEREAS, Many other pedestrians, police officers, firefighters,
23 nurses, and doctors jumped into action to help those in need; and

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk