

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Jacobsen and Oke

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor was an exemplary Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Ranger until her tragic and sudden death in a car accident while on duty Tuesday, May 9, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor was born in Tacoma, Washington, attended High School at Coronado High in Coronado, California, graduated from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management, and attended Everett Community College in Everett, Washington, where she received her Seasonal Ranger Law Enforcement training in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor began working as a park aide in 1981 at South Whidbey State Park, and was promoted to Park Ranger and worked at Lyons Ferry and Riverside State Parks, and was assistant manager at Potholes State Park; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor was promoted to manager of the Lincoln Rock Area in 1988, her assignment at the time of her untimely death; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor served as a Park Ranger for 19 years in many responsible positions; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor was the highest ranking female Ranger and was respected and highly regarded by all of her coworkers; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor was an exemplary employee, devoted public servant, and leader in the agency; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor always stepped forward to test new ideas and innovations for the agency and she distinguished herself by earning honors for numerous accomplishments, including Parks' 1994 Safety Award and the Parks' 1997 Team Award; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor invested so much of her time, optimistic spirit, and abundant talents in the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for everyone's benefit; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Secor made it enjoyable for people to visit and use their parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor Catherine Secor's life and lifetime of achievements, her contributions and selfless service, and send condolences to her family, her mother, Margaret Secor of Yorkshire, England; her father and stepmother, Eugene and Doris Secor of Whidbey Island; her brother, E. Daniel Secor of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and three sisters, Susan Secor and Deborah Secor, both of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Andrea Culler of Hollister, California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Governor of the State of Washington, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Washington State Park Rangers Association, and to the family of Catherine Secor.

