

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1991-8695**

By Senators Gaspard, Amondson, Anderson, Bailey, Barr, Bauer, Bluechel, Cantu, Conner, Craswell, Erwin, Hansen, Hayner, Jesernig, Johnson, Kreidler, Madsen, Matson, McCaslin, McDonald, McMullen, Metcalf, Moore, Murray, Nelson, Newhouse, Niemi, Oke, Owen, Patterson, Pelz, Rasmussen, Rinehart, Roach, Saling, Sellar, Skratek, A. Smith, L. Smith, Snyder, Stratton, Sutherland, Talmadge, Thorsness, Vognild, von Reichbauer, West, Williams and Wojahn

WHEREAS, The late Senator Bruce Wilson was a good friend and respected colleague in the Washington State Senate, where, for three terms, he represented the Seventh Legislative District, which included Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln, and portions of Spokane and Okanogan Counties; and

WHEREAS, His outstanding leadership and hard work earned him several leadership positions, including Majority Caucus Secretary and Majority Caucus Vice Chair; the chairman of the Senate Local Government Committee, where he was a champion of local government; the chairman of the state Public Disclosure Commission; the vice president representing eastern Washington on the State Historical Society's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, His wisdom and sense of humor helped his colleagues to keep in perspective the day-to-day confusion and frustration of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Wilson set a fine example for his fellow legislators; for him being a legislator and being a statesman were synonymous; and

WHEREAS, He was a past president of the Omak Chamber of Commerce and the Okanogan County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wilson served his community well and earned the respect of his fellow journalists as owner and publisher of The Omak Chronicle from 1956 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, His skill in writing and expertise in local history are featured in his book, The Late Frontier, A History of Okanogan County, for which he recently received the Governor's Writers Award; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wilson is survived by his wife, Merilynn, and his three children, Christel, Scott, and Duff; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Wilson served his community and his state with distinction, and will be missed by all who knew him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington does hereby recognize the late Senator Bruce Wilson for his dedication to and work in the state Legislature, and extends its deepest sympathy to his family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the President of the Senate to Merilynn Wilson of Omak; Diana Baker of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Christel Fisk, of Portland, Oregon; Duff Wilson, of Kirkland; and Scott Wilson, of Port Townsend.

I, Gordon A. Golob, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1991-8695, adopted by the Senate June 19, 1991.

GORDON A. GOLOB
Secretary of the Senate