SENATE RESOLUTION 1993-8601

By Senators Gaspard, Snyder, Sellar, Anderson, Amondson, Barr, Bauer, Bluechel, Cantu, Deccio, Drew, Erwin, Fraser, Hargrove, Haugen, Hochstatter, Jesernig, Loveland, McAuliffe, McCaslin, McDonald, Moore, Moyer, Nelson, Newhouse, Niemi, Oke, Owen, Pelz, Prentice, Prince, Quighley, Rasmussen, Rinehart, Roach, Sheldon, Skratek, A. Smith, L. Smith, Spanel, Sutherland, Talmadge, Vognild, von Reichbauer, West, Williams, Winsley and Wojahn

WHEREAS, A.L. "Slim" Rasmussen served the people of Tacoma, Pierce County, and the state of Washington for nearly half a century; and

WHEREAS, Slim, who lived in Tacoma for all but the first year of his life, began a career of public service that began in 1944 with his appointment to the Tacoma School Board, and continued with service in the Legislature, on the Pierce County Council, and as Mayor of Tacoma; and

WHEREAS, His constant dedication to the interests of the working people of our state was an example to all in public service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rasmussen was well known in the Legislature as one who studied each bill that came before him, and brought to the legislative process a unique and independent point of view; and

WHEREAS, Slim was expert at deflating the egos of those whom he believed strayed too far from promotion of the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rasmussen's vast legislative experience and excellent memory proved a frequent source of perspective and information, as well as a good deal of humor; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rasmussen at the time of his death was the most senior member of the Washington State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Slim, in addition to his many years of public service, was also a dedicated and devoted husband, father, and grandfather;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate express its sympathy and condolences to the family of Senator A.L. "Slim" Rasmussen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate hereby pay tribute to Slim's legacy of public service and his contribution to the public good; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to the members of Senator Rasmussen's family.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1993-8601, adopted by the Senate January 12, 1993.