SENATE RESOLUTION 1993-8608

By Senators Anderson, Spanel and Gaspard

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth P. Mortimer has served with distinction as the 11th President of Western Washington University since September 1988; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as President of Western Washington University, Dr. Mortimer has led the successful effort to increase private support for the university's academic initiatives; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as President of Western Washington University, Dr. Mortimer has led the effort to increase racial, ethnic and gender diversity on the university campus; and

WHEREAS, The assets of The Western Foundation have doubled and the annual gift income has more than tripled under the leadership of Dr. Mortimer; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of a competitive admissions plan has led to increasingly well-qualified freshman students at Western Washington University, and the number of minority students has doubled over the last five years under the leadership of Dr. Mortimer; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Mortimer's leadership the university has adopted a strategic plan and has nearly completed a master plan for the physical development of the campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mortimer received the 1990 Leadership Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education, and in 1987 was the recipient of the Association for Institutional Research Distinguished Member Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mortimer is president of the Board of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems and past president of the Association for the Study of Higher Education: and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mortimer has served as consultant to more than thirty universities and state systems of education; many educational councils and associations, the Danforth Foundation, the Lilly Endowment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mortimer is a nationally respected scholar and leader in higher education governance, management, and policy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mortimer has accepted the position as President of the University of Hawaii's ten campus system and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa effective March 15, 1993;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate hereby expresses to Dr. Mortimer great admiration and respect for his stature in the higher education community, and great appreciation for his meritorious service to our state and Western Washington University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Dr. Kenneth P. Mortimer and Mrs. Lorraine M. Mortimer our best wishes for success and happiness in their future endeavors as well as our heartfelt Aloha; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1993-8608, adopted by the Senate February 11, 1993.