

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1993-8653**

By Senators Moore and Talmadge

WHEREAS, Former Senator Lady Willie Forbus, died Tuesday, April 27, 1993, in Seattle at her Magnolia home at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, Senator Forbus was the sixth woman elected to the Washington State Senate, winning her seat in 1942, representing King County and the 44th Legislative District; and

WHEREAS, Lady Willie graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1918, thereafter moving to Washington for more opportunities; passed the Washington Bar exam in 1919; was the only woman lawyer in Seattle until 1929 and continued to practice on a limited basis until 1991; and

WHEREAS, Senator Forbus was the first and thus far only female selected as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and was the author of legislation removing the word "illegitimate" from birth certificates; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Forbus was very active in community affairs serving as President of the Florence Crittendon Home for Unmarried Mothers, the Magnolia Community Club and the Financial District Women's Business Club; serving on the Boards of Friends of Discovery Park and the ACLU of Washington; and establishing the Lady Willie Forbus Student Scholarship Fund at the University of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and achievements of a true pioneer, Senator Lady Willie Forbus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate sends its condolences to the family and friends of Senator Lady Willie Forbus, and requests that copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted to her family.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1993-8653,
adopted by the Senate May 5, 1993.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate