

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1993-8654**

By Senator Anderson

WHEREAS, Leo D. Groves has served with distinction for twenty years as Superintendent of the Nooksack Valley School District, a rural district of 1,500 students along the Canadian border in Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, In a district with no major industry and business tax base, Superintendent Groves strived always to keep limited resources targeted on the teaching of students; and

WHEREAS, As such, for years Superintendent Groves and one secretary functioned as the district's fiscal officer managing all budgets, funds, revenues, expenditures, and investments; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Groves kept administrative costs to a bare minimum by bearing the bulk of supervision of all the district's departments, including its fiscal, transportation, facility maintenance and operation, purchasing and personnel departments, by himself; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Superintendent Groves also oversaw the completion of several important building projects, including a new primary school in the community of Sumas, a new primary building in the community of Everson, major additions to the primaries at Sumas and the elementary in Everson, a new district junior high school, and major additions and remodeling to the district's junior and senior high schools;

WHEREAS, Leo D. Groves, thirty seven years an educator who always placed his students first, will retire at the end of this school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington recognize and honor Superintendent Groves for his years of exemplary dedication to the children, families, and communities of the Nooksack Valley School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate offers its hope that Superintendent Groves will enjoy a well-earned retirement and the opportunity to spend more time with his four children and five grandchildren, who all also live in Whatcom County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Leo D. Groves.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1993-8654,
adopted by the Senate May 5, 1993.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate