

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1995-8624**

By Senator Haugen

WHEREAS, Wesley Lupien is almost single-handedly responsible for founding and developing the Oak Harbor Air Park; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Wesley Lupien purchased a small, gravel runway just outside Oak Harbor and founded Whidbey Flying Service, Whidbey Island's first commuter airline; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Lupien and several other fixed-base operators then began Puget Sound Airlines; and

WHEREAS, Following the demise of Puget Sound Airlines, Wesley Lupien went on to found Oak Harbor Airlines, which now operates as Harbor Airlines; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Airlines provides Whidbey Island's main link to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, with daily flights; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the sound, financial groundwork laid the Wesley Lupien, Harbor Airlines recently added daily flights to Olympia; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Wesley Lupien's many business contributions to Oak Harbor, he also is a past president of Rotary, attended Navy League and the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Lupien's brave struggle with Alzheimer's disease has been the subject of KOMO-TV's Town Meeting and an HBO special, "Losing It All"; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Wesley Lupien's tireless dedication to establishing and promoting air service for Whidbey Island, the Oak Harbor Air Park will be renamed the Wes Lupien Airport on June 3, 1995;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honors and applauds the pioneering courage and entrepreneurial spirit of Wesley Lupien; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Wesley Lupien.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8624,
adopted by the Senate March 13, 1995.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate