

**SENATE RESOLUTION**  
**1995-8637**

By Senators Gaspard, Wojahn, McDonald, Winsley, Rasmussen, Spanel and Kohl

WHEREAS, Persons of character, integrity, intelligence, and dedication have made significant contributions to the people of this state and to the growth and development of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert L. Hollister, Jr., Ph.D. is representative of these qualities and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hollister served his country with distinction as a member of the United States Army, rising to the rank of Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hollister earned a Doctorate degree in Business Administration after retirement from military service and became a member of the faculty at the University of Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, chosen by Governor Dixie Lee Ray, Dr. Hollister became the first Director of the Department of Retirement Systems confirmed by the State Senate, where he was given the task of combining the individual administration of the six major retirement systems of the state; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hollister remained to serve as director under three governors of both political parties for twelve years, during which time he made major contributions to the development of Washington's Retirement Systems; and

WHEREAS, As Director of the Department of Retirement Systems, Dr. Hollister served as a member of the State Investment Board and became its chairman exercising experienced and innovative judgement in investing the funds of the retirement trusts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hollister was a tireless advocate for equitable treatment for all members under pension statutes and was always readily available to assist the Legislature in finding solutions to often complex retirement issues; and

WHEREAS, After retirement Dr. Hollister continued his involvement by generously volunteering his time and knowledge to the Office of the State Actuary and the Joint Committee on Pension Policy in the development of options for the improvement of public retirement systems in this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington recognizes, honors and gives its profound thanks to Dr. Robert L. Hollister, Jr. for his contributions to our nation, this state, and the public employees of the State of Washington; and

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

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8637,  
adopted by the Senate April 4, 1995.

MARTY BROWN  
Secretary of the Senate