## SENATE RESOLUTION 1996-8689

By Senators Goings, Rasmussen, Franklin, Swecker, Wojahn, Smith, Owen, Oke and Haugen

WHEREAS, After several years of hard work, cooperation, and community involvement, Pierce County Fire Districts No. 6, No. 7, and No. 9, serving the 130,000 citizens in the communities of Midland, Parkland, Spanaway, Elk Plain, Summit and South Hill, will become one legally merged fire department on February 15, 1996; and

WHEREAS, The formerly separate districts will now be known as Central Pierce Fire & Rescue; and

WHEREAS, This merger is an historic event in Pierce County, both for firefighters and the people whom they serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, It will make the suppression and prevention of fire and the provision of emergency medical services, the rescue of citizens that much more efficient and effective; and

WHEREAS, These courageous public servants have well earned and are fully deserving of the utmost respect and support of the people; and

WHEREAS, All citizens are cordially invited to join in a public celebration of this forward-thinking and progressive community achievement; and

WHEREAS, This public celebration will take place at the new headquarters station of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue on February 15, 1996, 17520 22nd Avenue East, Tacoma;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Senate of the state of Washington do hereby recognize and congratulate the citizens served by Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, the public officials and private citizens who made this historic merge of fire districts possible, and the firefighters who courageously place themselves between harm and the people they are sworn to protect, upon the creation of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue; and do hereby urge all citizens of Washington to join them in so doing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate do hereby immediately transmit a copy of this resolution to Central Pierce Fire & Rescue.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1996-8689, adopted by the Senate February 14, 1996.

MARTY BROWN Secretary of the Senate