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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8417**

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**By** Senators McDonald, Loveland, Anderson, Bauer, Benton, Brown, Deccio, Fairley, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Fraser, Goings, Hale, Hargrove, Haugen, Heavey, Hochstatter, Horn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Kline, Kohl, Long, McAuliffe, McCaslin, Morton, Newhouse, Oke, Patterson, Prentice, Prince, Rasmussen, Roach, Rossi, Schow, Sellar, Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, Stevens, Strannigan, Swanson, Swecker, Thibaudeau, West, Winsley, Wojahn, Wood and Zarelli

Read first time 04/26/97.

1       WHEREAS, The Honorable Joel Pritchard was elected Washington's  
2       fourteenth lieutenant governor in 1988; and

3       WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Pritchard was only the second  
4       Lieutenant Governor in Washington history to be born in the state; and

5       WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Pritchard gave Washington citizens  
6       thirty-two years of public service; and

7       WHEREAS, His service included four terms in the state House of  
8       Representatives, one term in the state Senate, and six terms in the  
9       United States House of Representatives; and

10       WHEREAS, Joel Pritchard was described in The Seattle Times at the  
11       end of his long public career as someone who built a reputation as a  
12       man "who achieves by putting public service above partisan or personal  
13       advantage"; and

14       WHEREAS, Joel Pritchard recognized the importance of reading and  
15       the joy of teaching others to read and made the cause of literacy the  
16       hallmark of his term as Lieutenant Governor; and

17       WHEREAS, As part of his commitment to teach adults to read,  
18       Lieutenant Governor Pritchard tirelessly crisscrossed the state to  
19       acknowledge the work of community-based literacy efforts, present  
20       citations to outstanding literacy students, and support fellow  
21       volunteers; and

1       WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Pritchard personally volunteered as a  
2 reading tutor at Seattle's Beacon Hill Elementary School and was an  
3 energetic leader in the Washington Reads Program created to promote  
4 literacy; and

5       WHEREAS, As a member of Congress, Joel Pritchard led the fight to  
6 preserve the James Madison Memorial Building as the site of an addition  
7 to the Library of Congress to preserve our nation's collection of rare  
8 and valuable books, manuscripts, and presidential papers; and

9       WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature wishes to thank  
10 Lieutenant Governor Pritchard for his contributions to further the  
11 cause of literacy, to promote libraries, and to encourage all  
12 Washington citizens to read;

13       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
14 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Director  
15 of the Department of General Administration is hereby directed to  
16 rename the Washington State Library Building as the "Joel Pritchard  
17 State Library"; and

18       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate stationery and  
19 references to the state library reflect the name change as soon as it  
20 is economically possible; and

21       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded  
22 to Lieutenant Governor Pritchard; the Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of  
23 the State of Washington; State Librarian Nancy Zussy; and Marsha Long,  
24 Director of the Department of General Administration.

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