

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
1998-8709**

By Senators Fraser, Deccio, Oke, Prentice, Heavey, Anderson, Wood, Fairley, McAuliffe, Patterson, Brown, Kohl, Kline, Bauer, Franklin, Snyder, T. Sheldon, Rossi, Roach, Swecker, Winsley, Prince, Haugen, Thibaudeau, Loveland, Jacobsen, Spanel, Sellar and Sheldon

WHEREAS, The Washington State Library was established in 1853 and has since become the equivalent of the corporate library for state government; and

WHEREAS, Legislators and their staff rely heavily on the efficient research, vast resources, and quick turnaround of the state library and its staff; and

WHEREAS, The 133 state library employees place quality customer service as their top priority on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, The primary library services to Washington state government include reference and research, information access to computer databases, indexes and full-text journals, providing expertise on policy issues, and finding specific (and often hard-to-find) publications and periodicals; and

WHEREAS, The library also provides valuable services to taxpayers, including access to State Library collections, federal publications, online information sources, and quick reference; and

WHEREAS, Library staff of public, academic, community college, and school and special libraries are also served by the Washington State Library;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and recognize the priceless research assistance, technology, and customer service offered by the employees at the Washington state library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate applaud and commend the outstanding employees of the Washington State Library.

I, Mike O'Connell, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1998-8709,  
adopted by the Senate March 3, 1998.

MIKE O'CONNELL  
Secretary of the Senate