

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8609**

By Senators McAuliffe, Roach, Oke, Snyder, Honeyford, Spanel, Franklin, Bauer, McCaslin, Wojahn, Long, Fairley, Eide, T. Sheldon, Sellar, Fraser, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles

WHEREAS, Seattle Schools Superintendent John Henry Stanford exemplified the very best in dedication to the education of children, the very best in commitment to a goal, and the very best in public service; and

WHEREAS, His extraordinary life began in Pennsylvania, and flourished during a thirty year military career in the U.S. Army, from which he retired as a major general; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanford came to Seattle as something of an unknown, but left us as a favorite son and civic hero; and

WHEREAS, Through his vision, leadership, work ethic, and undeniable charisma, John Stanford inspired others to reach higher, go farther, and work harder in the public schools; and

WHEREAS, By example, he reminded us that children should come first, and that all children are capable of achieving great things if only we take the time to believe in and help them; and

WHEREAS, He showed us that a true role model is one who dedicates his life to helping others; and

WHEREAS, John Stanford's words, Love 'em and Lead 'em,– which remind us what children need most, will be remembered and implemented in his memory; and

WHEREAS, He reminded us that everything we do for schools we should view first through the eyes of the students; and

WHEREAS, John Stanford lost his life to leukemia on November 28, 1998; and

WHEREAS, This loss was felt in schools and homes throughout the city of Seattle, the state of Washington, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, John Stanford's impact continues to be felt by the entire community, and serves as a driving force behind a renewed commitment to public education in Seattle and beyond on the part of students, parents, educators, business people, and policymakers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate do hereby honor and give tribute to the amazing life and influence of John Henry Stanford: a man, a leader, and a children's advocate who left us the legacy of his unshakable commitment to public education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit immediately a copy of this resolution to the Seattle Public Schools and to Patricia Stanford.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8609,
adopted by the Senate February 3, 1999.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate