SENATE RESOLUTION 1999-8621

By Senators Jacobsen, Snyder, Spanel, Fairley, B. Sheldon, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Goings and Gardner

WHEREAS, Jack J. Spitzer has achieved great success and prominence in business, politics, and civic affairs. He is best known for his dedication to improving his community and supporting the development and personal growth of young people; and

WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of Mr. Spitzer's charitable activities span across political, social and geographic boundaries and his sixty years of tireless work have benefitted thousands of people, both young and old, from Seattle to South Africa; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spitzer, in his post as full-time volunteer International President of B'nai B'rith, led the first ever mission from Israel to Egypt at the invitation of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and continues to work as an international ambassador for peace; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spitzer worked closely with the Conference for Material Claims Against Germany, the first and oldest organization representing holocaust victims in their struggle to recover damages for losses experienced during the atrocities of the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spitzer chairs the Advisory Committee to the International Center on Global Aging at Catholic University of America, is a co-founder and Vice-Chair of the Board of Medical Education for South African Blacks, and has served on the Executive Committee of United Way of King County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spitzer has been recognized and honored with the World Community Service Award–from his Rotary Region, the Torch of Liberty Award– from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Community Service Award– of the Wurtzweiler School of Social Work, and the United States Army Commendation Ribbon after having served in the China-Burma-India region; and

WHEREAS, The Spitzer Endowment for Youth has been established in his honor to support students of all ages and backgrounds with scholarships and awards, and the Hillel Spitzer Forum on Public Policy which teaches college students from over one hundred campuses how to become leaders in their communities, and the March of the Living which sends teenagers from across the globe to visit concentration camps to teach them about the evils of intolerance - then on to Israel to celebrate that country's independence day, and the Seymour Kaplan Awards which honor Seattle students for their community service; and

WHEREAS, After sixty years of service Mr. Spitzer just recently finished serving as the United States Public Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly as appointed by President Clinton, and considers his greatest success of all to be his family: wife Charlotte, two children, and seven grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Mr. Jack Spitzer for his accomplishments, contributions, and continuing success, and thank him for his great service and dedication to the citizens of Washington and the people of the world.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8621, adopted by the Senate February 17, 1999.

TONY M. COOK Secretary of the Senate