

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8683**

By Senators Rossi, B. Sheldon, Zarelli, Gardner, Haugen, Rasmussen and Spanel

WHEREAS, SCORE (The Service Corps of Retired Executives) celebrates thirty-five years of helping small business succeed; and

WHEREAS, SCORE is a non-profit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth, and success of small business here in the state of Washington and nationally; and

WHEREAS, SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA); and

WHEREAS, SCORE serves as COUNSELORS TO AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS--;
and

WHEREAS, SCORE's working and retired executives and business owners donate their time and expertise as volunteer counselors to provide confidential counseling and mentoring to the state's small businesses at no charge to the recipient; and

WHEREAS, SCORE also conducts educational business workshops to assist entrepreneurs to gain skills to better understand the business world for a modest fee; and

WHEREAS, These dedicated men and women are located in SCORE Chapters in Bellingham, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, and Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, SCORE members travel to provide business counseling to entrepreneurs in other urban and rural locations and, last year, the two hundred eighty-four members gave a total of 32,000 volunteer hours to counsel and mentor entrepreneurs. One-on-one, they presented workshop training and used the latest technology, via Internet e-mail to assist the state's growing number of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Small business is a major part of the state's economic engine. In 1998, nearly 180,000 small businesses generated nearly \$12 billion. Washington's small businesses employed 1.4 million people or about sixty percent of the state's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Our state's SCORE members represent the spirit of volunteerism - volunteerism dedicated to helping the people of Washington State achieve the American dream;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate applauds the dedication and work of all SCORE members and their organizations. The Senate celebrates their accomplishments over the last thirty-five years while looking forward to SCORE's accomplishments on behalf of our state's small businesses in the new millennium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Gary Locke, Governor of Washington; the Governor's cabinet officers; all statewide elected officials; Region X Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration; District Directors of U.S. Small Business Administration of Washington State; SCORE National Headquarters; SCORE Region X Director; SCORE's State District Management, and to each of the aforementioned SCORE Chapter Chairpersons.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8683,
adopted by the Senate April 24, 1999.

TONY M. COOK

Secretary of the Senate