SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8758

By Senators Swecker, Long Sheldon, T., Spanel, Haugen, Eide, Johnson, Sheldon, B., Bauer, Fraser, Rasmussen and McAuliffe

WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women who work on our public roads and highways are often put at risk of harm to themselves and their co-workers when flagging, which, even for trained professionals, is the most dangerous activity a worker can do; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of drivers to be more alert when driving in construction zones and to pay attention to all signs and flaggers; and

WHEREAS, On February 22, 2000, Sam E. Williams, a Washington State Department of Transportation worker since 1991, was killed after being struck by a car while flagging for a sign installation project on U.S. Highway 12 near Mossyrock, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Sam E. Williams was born in Chehalis, Washington, and lived with his family in Morton, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Sam E. Williams was a dedicated family man who was loved by his wife and their four children, and his other family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, and will be greatly missed by them; and

WHEREAS, Sam E. Williams had a raucous sense of humor and a love for racing lawn mowers, for the last ten years organizing competitive lawn mower races for the Morton Loggers Jubilee; and

WHEREAS, Sam E. Williams was an avid guitar player and enjoyed going out country dancing with his wife and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate remember the dedicated service of Sam E. Williams and encourage all drivers to drive safely and exercise due caution when driving in or near construction zones; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Sam E. Williams' wife, Belle, and the rest of his family.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8758,
adopted by the Senate March 7, 2000.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate