

SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8760

By Senators Costa and Shin

WHEREAS, It has been the policy of the Washington State Senate to recognize and honor citizens who have made significant contributions to their fellow citizens and the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Clark was one who took on the role of promoting literacy and preserving the history of the great Northwest, with passion and dedication, both in her paid and volunteer careers; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1906, the Seattle native graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in education and returned later to complete a library degree; and

WHEREAS, This marked the beginning of a forty-year career at the Everett Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Clark later turned her passion for other people's books toward writing several local history books of her own, including the History of the Everett Public Library,- Lowell Remembered,- and A History of Sunnysdale-; and

WHEREAS, She also possessed impressive artistic talents, demonstrated by her illustration of a children's book recollecting the naughty bears escape from Forest Park, and her travel memoirs throughout the Northwest United States and British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Even after her retirement, Hazel Clark continued on as a library volunteer until 1999; and

WHEREAS, she was responsible for indexing the Everett Herald the old fashioned- way until it went on electronic catalog in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Clark's recognition of the importance of education greatly influenced many, including her granddaughter, who is now pursuing a master's degree at Oxford, England; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her many other activities, she served as the self-taught church organist at the Lowell Community Church for nearly half a century; and

WHEREAS, She also devoted many more volunteer hours as a member of the Snohomish County Museum, the UW Alumni Association, the Bethany Home, and the Public Employees Retirement Association; and

WHEREAS, On February 14, 2000, Hazel Clark died in Everett, at age ninety-three, after living an incredibly rich and full life devoted to others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate do hereby recognize and honor Hazel Clark and her life-long devotion to books, libraries, and learning, and for preserving and passing on Northwest history to future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Hazel Clark's daughter, Roxanne Hunter of Everett, her granddaughter, Tracy Lynne Stover, and Margaret Riddle, a history specialist at the Everett Public Library.

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8760,
adopted by the Senate March 7, 2000.*

TONY M. COOK

Secretary of the Senate