SENATE RESOLUTION 2000-8762

By Senators Bauer, Winsley, Wojahn, McAuliffe, Fraser, Rasmussen and Franklin

WHEREAS, Fred T. Haley, a native son of Washington, was born in Tacoma in 1912, graduated from Stadium High School, earned a Bachelor's Degree at Dartmouth College, and returned to Tacoma during the Great Depression to work at his father's company, now Brown & Haley, perhaps best known for Almond Roca; and

WHEREAS, In 1942, shortly after the United States entered World War II, Fred T. Haley left Washington to serve with the United States Navy in the Pacific on Bora Bora and on the cruiser, U.S.S. Tuscaloosa; and

WHEREAS, After the War, Fred married Dorothy Geyer of Saginaw, Michigan and, returned with her to Tacoma where they raised their four children, Susan, Mark, Evan, and Mimi; and

WHEREAS, Fred T. Haley soon displayed his civic leadership as a member and Chair of the Tacoma School Board, where he played a key role in the board which refused to fire an employee who invoked his Fifth Amendment rights before the House Un-American Activities Committee and encouraged the hiring of minority teachers and staff in Tacoma Schools; and

WHEREAS, Fred T. Haley Chaired the State Citizens Committee for Civil Rights Legislation, and participated in Martin Luther King's mammoth 1963 march on Washington for jobs and freedom, an event that he later described as a "supreme moment in the peacetime history of the nation"; and

WHEREAS, In subsequent years while continuing to serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Brown & Haley, Mr. Haley's public career included, but was not limited to, membership on the Board of Advisors for the United States Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education, the National Committee for Support of Public Schools, the National Task Force on Higher Education and the Public Interest, and the Boards of Trustees of The Evergreen State College, Linfield College, and Prometheus College; he assumed an active role in the development of the University of Washington's Tacoma Branch Campus, served on the board of the Center for the Study of Capable Youth, and was advisor to the College of Arts and Sciences, the History Department, and the School of Social Work on the University of Washington's Seattle Campus; in 1982 he was appointed Chair of the Washington State Temporary Committee on Educational Policies, Structure and Management, which was created by the Legislature to recommend educational changes from preschool to graduate school, and which he guided through an intensive work and study program for three years; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his exemplary service and civic activities, Fred T. Haley has received Honorary Doctorates from the University of Puget Sound and Prometheus College, the William O. Douglas Award from the Washington Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Good In Government Award from the League of Women Voters Washington Chapter; in 1985, the Citizens Education Center Northwest, of which he was a founding member, established the Frederick T. Haley Award in his honor; and

WHEREAS, For more than half a century, Fred T. Haley has lived and continues to live by the highest ideals of duty and service by steadfastly devoting his time, his resources, and his boundless energies to education, civil rights, social justice, and the public interest in a career that combined his business and public service principles in a rich blend of integrity and dedication; and in so doing Fred T. Haley stands as an example of committed and enlightened citizenship for all of us throughout the state of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the contributions Fred T. Haley has made towards social justice and to public education in Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Fred T. Haley and his family, the Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the President of The Evergreen State College.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8762, adopted by the Senate March 7, 2000.

TONY M. COOK Secretary of the Senate