

SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8780

By Senators West, Stevens, Haugen, Heavey, McCaslin, Oke, Long, Sheahan, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles, Fraser and Brown

WHEREAS, Former Washington State Representative Jean Silver, who served the people of Washington and the Spokane area from 1983 to 1997 in the House of Representatives, passed away on March 14, 2000; and

WHEREAS, A life long resident of Spokane, Representative Silver showed great commitment to her community working long and diligently to make her community a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, As Chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, she became a leader to her colleagues and brought great expertise to the budgeting process; and

WHEREAS, Representative Silver is perhaps best-known for the time during her prior role as Ranking Minority Chair of House Appropriations wherein she was known as a fighter on budget policy, Representative Silver once invited- then-Appropriations Chair/now-Governor Gary Locke to settle their differences outside- during a heated debate, after which the media had great fun in describing the spunky lady who offered to duke it out- with the gentleman from Seattle-; and

WHEREAS, Representative Silver and her husband, Chuck, raised three great sons - Doug, Mitch, and Kipp - who are also well-admired and active in the Spokane community; and

WHEREAS, Representative Silver equally loved her three daughters-in-law - Jean, Cindy and Maxine, and her eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Representative Silver and her husband, Chuck, served as Scout leaders in the Spokane area for many years during which time their three sons earned their Eagle Scout badges; and,

WHEREAS, some of Representative Silver's fondest memories were her times spent camping and hunting with her husband and sons during their growing up years; and

WHEREAS, Representative Silver was a Certified Public Accountant; worked in economic development for the city of Spokane, and served on the Board of Directors for Washington Water Power; and

WHEREAS, Representative Silver has been described by her legislative peers as fair, friendly, honest, hard-working, and fun!-; and

WHEREAS, Representative Silver has been further described by her legislative peers as an outstanding leader on budget issues-; a calm voice in a heated debate-; a Mother Confessor-; a friend!- and a great, loyal confidante-; and

WHEREAS, Representative Silver was known for always treating everyone - from all walks of life - with equal respect; and

WHEREAS, Representative Silver will be greatly missed by all who knew her and had the pleasure of working with her; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of her beloved city of Spokane, as well as the entire state of Washington have greatly benefitted from Representative Silver's presence in the Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate celebrate the life and achievements of Representative Silver, recognizing the great contributions she made to the state of Washington; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the members of the family of Washington State Representative Jean Silver.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8780, adopted by the Senate March 17, 2000.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate