

SENATE RESOLUTION
8693

By Senators Brown, Sheahan and McAuliffe

WHEREAS, Susie Stephens, an avid bicyclist and pedestrian advocate, sparked bicycle advocacy across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Stephens was a founding director of Thunderhead Alliance, a national coalition of bicycle advocacy organizations that promotes bike safety and the benefits of bicycling to American communities; and

WHEREAS, She was a former executive director of Bicycle Alliance of Washington, an organization of bicyclists that promotes bicycling for everyday transportation, through education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Stephens helped push bike safety laws under the Cooper Jones Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education Act, named for a 13-year-old boy who was killed by a negligent driver during a bicycle race; and

WHEREAS, Motor vehicles kill more than 40,000 people every year; 14 on an average day; and

WHEREAS, On March 21, 2002, Susie Stephens was fatally struck and killed while crossing a downtown intersection in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Stephens will always be remembered for her courageous spirit, and the passion, enthusiasm, and dedication to bicycle advocacy that made her a shining star;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and celebrate the life of Susie Stephens and recognize her devotion to bicycle safety issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Susie's mother, Nancy MacKerrow and Barbara Culp, executive director of the Bicycle Alliance of Washington.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8693,
adopted by the Senate
January 28, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate