

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8731

By Senators Haugen, Spanel and Esser

WHEREAS, Through photojournalism, Wallie V. Funk enriched our connection with the past by vividly depicting three decades of life on Whidbey Island, in Washington state, across the nation, and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Funk recently donated his personal archive of nearly 100,000 photographs and negatives to three institutions: The Center for Pacific Northwest Studies at Western Washington University, the Anacortes Museum, and the Island County Historical Museum; and

WHEREAS, His collection documents 20th century life with photographs of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones in Seattle, four different United States presidents, and a series of photographs spanning the political career of the late United States Senator Henry Jackson; and

WHEREAS, His most dramatic series of photographs graphically documents the capture of the orca whale "Lolita" near Coupeville in 1970, helping bring attention to the damage done to these magnificent creatures; and

WHEREAS, He took photographs in China, Greece, Israel, Egypt, and Pakistan when he visited as a member of the Washington State Trade Delegation, yet the bulk of his collection chronicles everyday scenes of life on Whidbey Island and Fidalgo Island - children at play, high school athletics, small town politicians speaking at community events, and old fishermen holding up their catches of the day; and

WHEREAS, His collection also includes numerous photographs of the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, serving as a photographic archive of the military base; and

WHEREAS, He was the dedicated coowner of three community newspapers - the *Whidbey News-Times*, the *South Whidbey Record*, and the *Anacortes American* - and he served as president of the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association from 1971 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, Funk served on the Washington State Arts Commission for 10 years and worked toward establishing the Museum of Northwest Art in LaConner; and

WHEREAS, Historian Theresa Trebon worked for nearly three years to catalog and archive Funk's massive photograph collection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Wallie V. Funk for his dedication to capturing and preserving Washington's history one picture at a time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Wallie V. Funk.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8731,  
adopted by the Senate  
March 8, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate