
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8405

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By Senators Honeyford, Spanel, Hewitt, Parlette, Pridemore, Delvin, Morton, Mulliken, Benton, Fraser and McAuliffe

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1 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the Legislature to recognize and
2 honor the distinctive historic, cultural, and geologic characteristics
3 of the State of Washington; and
4 WHEREAS, The Columbia River has been an integral part of the
5 cultural and economic fabric of the Northwest, vital for untold
6 generations before the Native American Tribes met Lewis and Clark two
7 hundred years ago; and
8 WHEREAS, The Columbia River's bountiful waters continue to be vital
9 to the agricultural and industrial activities that are critical to
10 Washington's economy and communities in the Twenty-First Century; and
11 WHEREAS, On May 11, 1792, Captain Robert Gray, a Rhode Island fur
12 trader in command of the "*Columbia Redivva*," named the river after that
13 vessel after becoming the first non-Indian navigator to cross the
14 river's bar and sail upriver; and
15 WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson's vision of a nation that bridged the
16 entire continent was realized when the Corps of Discovery, under the
17 leadership of Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, reached the
18 mouth of the Columbia River in 1805 in what is today Pacific County;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, In accordance with state law, the State Capitol Committee
2 and the Legislative Building Renovation Oversight Committee, with the
3 advice of the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee, have
4 recommended that the new public space in the center of the first floor
5 of the renovated Legislative Building be named to commemorate the
6 Columbia River; and

7 WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature wishes to recognize the
8 Columbia River for its distinctive and vital place in the state's
9 history, culture, and economy;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Washington State Senate, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, That the public space created in
12 the center of the first floor of the Legislative Building be named "The
13 Columbia Room"; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate forward
15 copies of this resolution to the Honorable Christine Gregoire, Governor
16 of the State of Washington; the Honorable Brad Owen, Lt. Governor and
17 Chair, State Capitol Committee; the Honorable Sam Reed, Secretary of
18 State; the Honorable Michael Murphy, State Treasurer, the Legislative
19 Building Renovation Oversight Committee; Barbara Swift, Chair, Capitol
20 Campus Design Advisory Committee; and R. D. Fukai, Director of the
21 Department of General Administration.

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