

SENATE RESOLUTION
8672

By Senators Fraser, Prentice, Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Rockefeller, Morton, Eide, Hargrove, Stevens, Regala, Franklin, Shin, Haugen, McAuliffe, Weinstein, Rasmussen, Esser, Johnson, Deccio, Sheldon, Kline, Jacobsen, Keiser, Kastama, Doumit and Honeyford

WHEREAS, Olympia has been the capital of the State of Washington (and previously the Territory of Washington) since 1853; and

WHEREAS, In 1928, after having served in several temporary buildings, Washington State lawmakers, the Governor, other state officials, and employees moved to the new Legislative Building; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Building, designed by the architectural firm of Wilder and White in New York, is on the National Register of Historic Places, has the fourth-largest masonry dome in the world, is acclaimed as one of the "Ten Great Domes of the World," and is among the most beautiful capitol buildings in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The beautiful and inspiring Legislative Building has always provided an impressive sense of history and serves as a prominent symbol of our deeply held democratic values; and

WHEREAS, The 6.8-magnitude Nisqually Earthquake, which occurred at 10:54 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2001, in the middle of the legislative session and the business day, caused millions of dollars in damage to the Legislative Building, forcing immediate evacuation, major repairs, and expedition of major planned renovations; and

WHEREAS, The rehabilitation and repair project was massive in scope, costing \$120 million raised mostly from sale of timber on state trust lands, which were provided to the state at statehood for capitol building purposes; and

WHEREAS, The project required 400,000 pounds of marble and Italian stone; 10,000 bags of plaster; 300 miles of new wiring, conduit, pipe, and cable; 140 tons of new ductwork; 60 tons of steel rebar - carried by hand up the Dome's 266 spiral stairs; and the removal of 3,300 tons of dirt; and

WHEREAS, The project was masterfully implemented by skilled architects, artisans, and engineers, who preserved the historic values with creative, one-of-a-kind solutions such that many of the most exacting, artful, masterful, and labor-intensive repairs are those least noticeable; and

WHEREAS, The project was exceptionally well-managed as a "labor of love" by the Department of General Administration, the contractors, and approximately 2,100 employees, such that Phase I earthquake repairs were completed on time and under budget, an exemplary safety record of only 60 hours of time loss injuries during the 820,000 total hours worked, and 85 percent of construction waste was recycled - some for Habitat for Humanity homes; and

WHEREAS, All citizens of the state, present and future, will benefit from improved safety, infrastructure, earthquake protection, modern communication, access, healthier air quality, energy conservation, and new public spaces for visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate give high praise and thanks to the approximately 2,100 people whose vision, creativity, dedication, and meticulous, skilled, and expeditious work makes this historic project a proud success for the people of the State of Washington, including the following:

The Washington State Department of General Administration, with special appreciation to the Project Management Team, the Architect of Record, and SRG Partnership of Seattle;

Other architects and engineers: Einhorn/Yaffee/Prescott of Albany, New York; Barnett (Bud) Schorr of Seattle; Swenson Say Faget of Seattle; Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates of Seattle; and Artifacts Inc. of Tacoma;

M.A. Mortenson Company of Bellevue, the general contractor;

Other contractors: EC Company of Auburn, McKinstry Company of Seattle, Pioneer Masonry Restoration Company of Seattle, D.L. Henricksen of Tacoma, Western Tile and Masonry of Seattle, and Master Millwork of Tacoma; and

Wilkeson Quarry in Pierce County; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted
by the Secretary of the Senate to all of the companies and agencies involved in the restoration
project.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8672,
adopted by the Senate
April 12, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate