

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Stevens, Holmquist, Kohl-Welles, Roach, Parlette, Schoesler, Carrell and Benton

WHEREAS, Doris Brown Heritage has been a path-breaking force in women's distance running, demonstrating athletic excellence in long distance events while overcoming obstacles and stereotypes of the day against women's track; and

WHEREAS, Doris Brown Heritage became the first woman ever to run the indoor mile in under five minutes and once held the record for the 3,000 meters; and

WHEREAS, Doris Brown Heritage won a record five IAAF World Cross Country titles from 1967 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, Doris Brown Heritage won silver medals in the 800 meters at the 1967 and 1971 Pan American Games, and also represented the United States at the 1972 and 1976 Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Doris Brown Heritage has served with distinction as a distance running coach at Seattle Pacific University and as an assistant coach for the United States women's team at the 1984 Olympics and the 1987 Outdoor World Championships; and

WHEREAS, Doris Brown Heritage is a member of the Distance Running Hall of Fame;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize Doris Brown Heritage for her resolute and competitive spirit and for her remarkable and breakthrough athletic achievements.