

SENATE RESOLUTION
8667

By Senators Spanel, Haugen, Prentice, Sheldon, Kauffman and Shin

WHEREAS, Kenneth C. Hansen, Chairman of the Samish Indian Nation, passed away July 26, 2006, following an extended illness; and

WHEREAS, Ken was born and raised in Washington state, received his bachelor's degree from Antioch University in Seattle, and served on the Samish Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, Ken was instrumental in the Samish Nation's federal recognition in 1996, fought a 26-year battle for federal re-recognition for the Samish Nation, and carried on the fight for tribal sovereignty and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Ken led efforts to maintain a resurgence of the Samish native language, and to preserve the history and heritage of the Samish Nation; and

WHEREAS, Ken used his political savvy and eloquent speech to bring public and governmental attention to tribal issues such as environmental pollution and the infant mortality crisis; and

WHEREAS, Ken was nationally recognized as a driving force for Native American rights; and

WHEREAS, Having been considered an expert in tribal economic development, Ken secured grant funding for the benefit of Native American nations throughout the coastal region; and

WHEREAS, Ken's legacy of courage and perseverance encourages us all to always fight for what we know is right; and

WHEREAS, Ken is survived by his mother Mary Hansen, former Samish tribal secretary; brother Roger; stepdaughters Krista and Keshema; and their mother Deborah May; and

WHEREAS, We all mourn the loss of Kenneth C. Hansen and will miss his contributions not only to the Samish Nation, but to the entire state of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the service, devotion, and caring spirit of Kenneth Charles Hansen and extend its deepest condolences to his family, the Samish people, and his many friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Senate, the family of Kenneth C. Hansen, and the Samish Indian Nation.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8667,
adopted by the Senate
March 29, 2007

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate