

SENATE RESOLUTION
8642

By Senators Haugen, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, and Tom

WHEREAS, Floyd Jones comes from humble beginnings as a cotton picker in Arkansas, served honorably in the United States Army, and became a successful businessman and philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Jones' life and commitment to the arts, the environment, and his community exemplify the ideals of the American Dream and its spirit of self-reliance and service; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Jones and his late wife, Delores Jones, lived frugally together, but gave generously, and while Floyd continues to support the arts, Delores' love for the arts will live forever in the form of their considerable contributions; and

WHEREAS, Floyd and Delores created the Floyd and Delores Jones Foundation and have funded causes such as the endowed chair for the arts at the University of Washington, the Floyd and Delores Jones Playhouse, and KCTS, the Seattle public television station; and

WHEREAS, Floyd and Delores also created the Floyd and Delores Jones Cancer Institute in Virginia Mason Hospital, which provides comprehensive and centralized care for cancer patients and is one of the most preeminent cancer care providers in the country; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Jones has made a strong commitment to preserving the sanctity of Livingston Bay, located on the northeast side of Camano Island, and has played a vital role in efforts to conserve and protect the bay that plays a key role in the lives of dozens of species; and

WHEREAS, Vast numbers of migrating waterfowl such as Wrangell Island snow geese, trumpeter and tundra swans, winter raptors, and falcon species rely on beautiful Livingston Bay for winter habitats and the bay's 3,160 acres of biodiverse tidelands are also home to a wonderful habitat for juvenile salmon, adult salmon, and bull trout, as well as spawning areas for Pacific sand lance and surf smelt; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Jones' support and contributions have helped preserve and fortify Livingston Bay in perpetuity, benefitting this precious body of water, its fish and wildlife, and all the people of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Jones' magnanimous attitude toward his community has driven him to donate benevolently to many meritorious organizations, including the Seattle Symphony, the Union Gospel Mission, the Seattle Milk Fund, and the Whidbey Camano Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Jones is a modest man and a model of selflessness, has risen out of poverty to riches, only to give his wealth back tirelessly, and is deserving of recognition for his hard work and generosity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Floyd Jones for a life of selflessness, generosity, and compassion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Floyd Jones and his family.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8642,
adopted by the Senate
March 9, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate