

SENATE RESOLUTION
8687

By Senators Carrell, Franklin, Becker, Benton, Berkey, Brandland, Brown, Delvin, Eide, Fairley, Fraser, Gordon, Hargrove, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hobbs, Holmquist, Honeyford, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Keiser, Kilmer, King, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Marr, McAuliffe, McCaslin, McDermott, Morton, Murray, Oemig, Parlette, Pflug, Prentice, Pridemore, Ranker, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Sheldon, Shin, Stevens, Swecker, Tom, and Zarelli

WHEREAS, Officer Timothy Brenton with the Seattle Police Department was gunned down in the line of duty on Halloween night, 2009, while training a student officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Timothy Brenton nobly served 12 years in law enforcement in Seattle, Hoquiam, and La Connor; and

WHEREAS, Officer Timothy Brenton was a loving husband and father of two children, had a great sense of humor, and was regarded as an outstanding law enforcement officer by his peers and superiors; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mark Renninger, Officer Tina Griswold, Officer Ronald Owens, and Officer Greg Richards - four police officers with the Lakewood Police Department - were ambushed and murdered as they sipped coffee and caught up on paperwork before their shifts began November 29, 2009; and

WHEREAS, All four officers were original members of Lakewood's five-year-old police department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mark Renninger was a 13-year law enforcement veteran with both the Tukwila and Lakewood Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mark Renninger was a loving husband and father of three children; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mark Renninger served as the Chief Financial Officer and member of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Tactical Officers Association, as well as teaching within that organization; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mark Renninger is described by his peers as an exceptionally competent and tactically proficient officer, a savvy negotiator, and a highly respected man who could be counted on for anything; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mark Renninger is described by his family as a professional, dedicated police officer who made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tina Griswold was a 13-year law enforcement veteran with both the Lacey and Lakewood Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tina Griswold was a loving wife and mother of two children; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tina Griswold served as a member of the Lacey Police Department's high-risk tactical team; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tina Griswold was awarded a Lifesaving Award by Lakewood Police Chief Brett Farrar earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tina Griswold is described by those who worked with her as having a passion for politics and as being an outstanding advocate for taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ronald Owens was a 12-year law enforcement veteran with both the Washington State Patrol and the Lakewood Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ronald Owens was a loving father of one child; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ronald Owens is said to have felt a personal connection with members of the community in which he worked and lived; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ronald Owens - known as "Ronnie" to his fellow officers - is described as sharp and extremely dedicated, and a hard worker who enjoyed dirt bike riding and kept a positive attitude; and

WHEREAS, Officer Greg Richards was an 8-year law enforcement veteran with both the Kent and Lakewood Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, Officer Greg Richards was a loving husband and father of three children; and

WHEREAS, Officer Greg Richards is described by his peers as a great cop and a proud family man who enjoyed playing the drums and raising money for charity; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Kent Mundell Jr. was shot while responding to a domestic violence call December 21, 2009, and died a week later as a result of his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Kent Mundell Jr. heard the call of duty and left a manufacturing career to work in law enforcement, serving ten years with the Pierce County Sherriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Kent Mundell Jr. was a father of two children and a loving husband to his wife; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Kent Mundell Jr. had a passion for fun and adventure, was known to be a thrill-seeker and is described by his peers as being a great cop with a great sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, All of these brave officers are shining examples of the exemplary character and steadfast dedication which can be found in all of Washington's law enforcement officers. Their loyalty and sacrifice is something that most will never know or understand, and that sense of duty and selflessness elevates them to a level reserved only for the truly honorable - a place for heroes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the lives, service, and sacrifice of six of its fallen heroes - Officer Timothy Brenton, Sergeant Mark Renninger, Officer Tina Griswold, Officer Ronald Owens, Officer Greg Richards, and Deputy Kent Mundell Jr., and let it be known that the Washington State Senate stands with the people of Seattle, Lakewood, and Pierce County, and every member of the state's law enforcement community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the families and law enforcement agencies of these six fallen officers.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8687,
adopted by the Senate
March 3, 2010

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate