

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8689

By Senators Ranker, Kastama, Gordon, Brown, Pridemore, Sheldon, Jacobsen, Rockefeller, Hatfield, Oemig, Marr, McAuliffe, Haugen, McDermott, Prentice, Fairley, Regala, and Eide

WHEREAS, Mr. Wolf Bauer has been a pioneer of the Northwest and a leader in outdoor education and environmental conservation since 1929; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1930, Mr. Bauer won the Mountaineers first slalom race and served as a trailbreaker for the Mountaineers first patrol race; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 1935, Mr. Bauer and Mr. Jack Hossack made the first ascent of the Ptarmigan Ridge on the north face of Mt. Rainier, reaching the summit in two days; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer's designs and innovations led to the development of the modern fiberglass kayak, as well as the sport of kayaking; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, Mr. Bauer created the Washington Foldboat Club, which is currently titled the Washington Kayak Club; and

WHEREAS, A group led by Mr. Bauer made the first descent of Boulder Drop on the Skykomish River near Index, Washington; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, Mr. Bauer created the Mountain Rescue and Safety Council, which is presently titled the Mountain Rescue Council, and served as the Council's chairman for its first six years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer's dedication to the preservation of the Green River Gorge led to appropriations for purchase of surrounding lands from individuals, railroads, and timber companies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer was a founding member of the Washington Environmental Council in 1969; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Mr. Bauer drafted the 'Natural Shorelines Act', which was incorporated into the Shoreline Management Act of 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer still hikes the trails of Washington Park in Anacortes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer celebrated his 98th birthday on February 24, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate officially recognize Mr. Wolf Bauer for his dedication to outdoor education and safety, as well as his steadfast commitment to the preservation of Washington rivers and shorelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Mr. Wolf Bauer.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8689,  
adopted by the Senate  
February 25, 2010

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate