

SENATE RESOLUTION
8615

By Senators Hewitt, Delvin, Morton, Swecker, King, Schoesler, Litzow, Hill, Conway, Honeyford, Ericksen, Carrell, McAuliffe, Becker, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Fraser, Hatfield, Prentice, White, and Holmquist Newbry

WHEREAS, Jeannette Hayner was born in 1919 in Portland, Oregon, just one year prior to women receiving the national right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Upon receiving her bachelor of arts from the University of Oregon, Jeannette Hayner was one of two women to graduate from the University of Oregon Law School in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Hayner was accomplished in her personal life, marrying fellow University of Oregon Law School graduate and WWII veteran H.H. "Dutch" Hayner and raising three children; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Hayner chose to pursue politics, first becoming an active member of the Walla Walla school board then running for the open seat in the State Legislature in 1972; and

WHEREAS, After defeating three opponents, Jeannette Hayner took her seat in the House of Representatives in 1973, she then ran successfully for an open seat in the Senate, and she would run and be reelected every four years until her retirement in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Hayner became the Senate Republican Leader in 1979, and Senate Majority Leader in 1981, the first woman to ever hold the title, and she would continue to proudly lead her fellow Republicans for the following 13 years; and

WHEREAS, During her 20-year career with the Legislature, Jeannette Hayner did not shy away from responsibility, showing constant wisdom and strength, taking initiative in creating the infamous "Rule of 13" where a simple majority of 13 caucus members would bind all the rest to the decision; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Hayner, even after her passing, provides the women of Washington with great hope for heightened representation and the continued success of women in a position of political influence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That it is with great respect, that the Washington State Senate remember and honor the accomplishments, courage, and excellence of character exemplified by former Senate Majority Leader Jeannette Hayner.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8615,
adopted by the Senate
March 7, 2011

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate