## SENATE RESOLUTION 8640

By Senator Fraser

WHEREAS, In this time of economic uncertainty, a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and raise a family has become an even greater priority; and

WHEREAS, The Farmers Insurance Group of Companies annually ranks communities on the basis of which are the most secure places to live; and

WHEREAS, The rankings took into consideration crime statistics, extreme weather, risk of natural disasters, housing depreciation, foreclosures, air quality, terrorist threats, environmental hazards, life expectancy, and job loss numbers in 379 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The Olympia area has claimed its distinction as the top city with a population between 150,000 and 500,000 for the third time in four years as the most secure midsize city in America; and

WHEREAS, Olympia's residents and businesses have established Washington's capital city as a major cultural center of the Puget Sound region and as a hub for artists and musicians, with a vibrant downtown, access to outdoor activities, and many employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Olympia's top ranking, joining nine other Washington areas with top secure rankings, helps establish Washington State as one of the most safe and secure states in the union for residents to live, raise families, find jobs, and lead long, interesting, and fulfilling lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate, on behalf of the people of the State of Washington, recognize the residents, businesses, local government, law enforcement, and public protection agencies of the greater Olympia area for the tremendous achievement of being named the Most Secure Midsize City in the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the City of Olympia.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8640, adopted by the Senate March 21, 2011

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate