

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8648

By Senators Fraser, Hasegawa, Shin, Hobbs, Conway, Bailey, Roach, Frockt, Kline, Murray, Kohl-Welles, Ranker, Cleveland, Chase, McAuliffe, Hatfield, Harper, Darneille, Mullet, Billig, Schlicher, Pearson, Keiser, Rolfes, and Nelson

WHEREAS, Consul General Kiyokazu Ota of Japan, who has served with distinction in the State of Washington, recently returned to Japan; and

WHEREAS, During his three-year tenure in Washington State, he was always appreciated for his thoughtful and gracious style and for significantly deepening ties between Washington State and Japan that promote lasting friendships, further cultural exchanges, and stronger economic relationships; and

WHEREAS, He was greatly appreciated for his active and sincere interest in the people and communities of the State of Washington, including his participation in cherry tree planting ceremonies which symbolize the warm friendships between the peoples of Washington and Japan and took place in Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Vancouver, and other areas; and

WHEREAS, Officials of the State of Washington appreciated his active interest in state government, his willingness to come to the State Capitol to visit the Governor and Legislators, his effectiveness in information exchange, and his effective role as a liaison between Washington State and Japan regarding after effects of the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami; and

WHEREAS, He brought a very knowledgeable and broad perspective to his service here in the State of Washington from his prior assignments around the world, including The Netherlands, Zambia, Austria, Africa, Middle East, Australia, and Japan; and

WHEREAS, He will be long appreciated and remembered by all who had the pleasure of association with him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate express its sincere appreciation for Consul General Kiyokazu Ota's thoughtful, invaluable service and sincere acts of friendship toward Washingtonians during his tenure in the State of Washington.

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8648,  
adopted by the Senate  
April 2, 2013

HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
Secretary of the Senate