SENATE RESOLUTION

8719

By Senators O'Ban, Dammeier, Conway, Darneille, Miloscia, Becker, Pedersen, Rolfes, Benton, Fraser, McAuliffe, Roach, and Habib

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate should recognize any and all citizens who commit themselves to the betterment of their fellow citizens through adversity and hardship; and

WHEREAS, The courageous efforts of Richard Allen, born a slave in 1760, led to the creation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1794; and

WHEREAS, The late Richard Allen became an inspiration to those who fought for freedom, social justice, and equality; and

WHEREAS, The African Methodist Episcopal congregation in Tacoma continues Richard Allen's mission to seek out the lost and serve the needy; and

WHEREAS, The members of the congregation contributed to the movement to create a postal stamp recognizing the significant contributions of both Richard Allen and the African Methodist Episcopal Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate commend and congratulate the members of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church for ensuring that the Richard Allen postal stamp became a reality, and thank them for their work on furthering social justice and equality for all.

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,

do hereby certify that this is a true and

correct copy of Senate Resolution 8719,

adopted by the Senate

February 12, 2016

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary of the Senate