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By Senator Hargrove

1           WHEREAS, Bob Massey, also known as "Classy Bob Massey" by his  
2 listeners around the world, began his radio career in the 1930s when  
3 he set up his own hobby radio station while in high school in the  
4 basement of his family's home in Nashville, Tennessee; and

5           WHEREAS, Massey first served in the infantry of General George S.  
6 Patton's Third Army in Germany before joining the Armed Forces Radio  
7 in Frankfurt, Germany to provide American style entertainment to  
8 troops stationed in war-torn Europe; and

9           WHEREAS, Massey began his radio career in earnest at WJNO in Palm  
10 Beach, Florida in 1948, and worked at five more stations in Florida  
11 before joining KHAR in Anchorage where he was on duty on March 27,  
12 1964, when the 9.2 magnitude Good Friday earthquake devastated the  
13 entire region; and

14           WHEREAS, After leaving Alaska in 1970, he became a broadcaster at  
15 KIT Radio in Yakima and eventually joined the staff of KBRD Radio in  
16 Tacoma; and

17           WHEREAS, Massey retired with his wife Margaret to Sequim in 1992,  
18 and, following her death in 2006, he felt the call of radio once  
19 more; and

20           WHEREAS, At the invitation of KSQM 91.5 Radio founder Rick Perry,  
21 Massey rekindled his radio career by becoming the first voice of the  
22 community supported station on December 7, 2008; and

1           WHEREAS, Massey continues playing the hits of the Dorsey  
2 Brothers, Frank Sinatra, Doris Day, and other oldies from the Golden  
3 Age of Radio to listeners around the world via the internet; and

4           WHEREAS, Massey has been acknowledged by the Museum of Broadcast  
5 Communications and Radio Hall of Fame in Chicago as the oldest active  
6 on-air broadcaster in America;

7           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in commemoration of the 90th  
8 birthday of Classy Bob Massey on March 9, 2015, the Washington State  
9 Senate congratulate Mr. Massey on his years of entertaining legions  
10 of listeners and keeping the spirit of old-time radio alive through  
11 several generations, and extend its appreciation for a rich career  
12 well spent.

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