

SENATE RESOLUTION
8655

By Senators Fraser, Nelson, Warnick, Jayapal, Hobbs, Keiser, Parlette, McCoy, Conway, Miloscia, Bailey, Kohl-Welles, and Hasegawa

1 WHEREAS, For 20 years TVW has opened state government to the
2 people of Washington, offering unedited "gavel-to-gavel" coverage of
3 government deliberations and public policy events of statewide
4 significance since signal activation on April 10, 1995; and

5 WHEREAS, TVW was the brainchild of Congressman Denny Heck, who
6 currently represents Washington's 10th Congressional District, and
7 previously served as majority leader in the Washington State House of
8 Representatives and chief of staff to Governor Booth Gardner and
9 veteran state government official Stan Marshburn; and

10 WHEREAS, TVW's founders believed that the people of Washington
11 deserved to be able to watch their elected officials in action, even
12 if they could not be physically present in Olympia; and

13 WHEREAS, Since its inception, TVW has televised well over 30,000
14 hours of public policy proceedings, including coverage of the
15 legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, state
16 agencies, state elections, and public policy events hosted by
17 nongovernmental organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, The first event televised by TVW was a death penalty
19 case before the Washington State Supreme Court, through which TVW
20 also made history with the first-ever televised state court
21 proceeding; and

22 WHEREAS, TVW televises all floor debates in the Washington State
23 Senate and House of Representatives, offers live and archived
24 coverage of all committee hearings in the Senate and House of
25 Representatives via television or webcast on-demand, and archives all
26 of its coverage for citizens to view online, on-demand; and

27 WHEREAS, When the Legislature is not meeting in Olympia, TVW's
28 mobile camera units cover legislative and public policy events across
29 Washington, which are available on TVW's increasingly popular web
30 site, tvw.org, which handles over 5 million online plays of its
31 videos each year, with demand continuing to grow steadily; and

32 WHEREAS, The cable television industry carries TVW for free,
33 giving TVW \$7 million per year in free carriage and enabling TVW to
34 reach two-thirds of state residents via television; and

1 WHEREAS, TVW allows the news media free access to its
2 footage, making it easier for television, radio, and newspaper
3 reporters to cover state government even when not physically
4 present at the Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, TVW educates young people about civics and
6 government through its free civics education programs for
7 teachers and students throughout the state, including its "Teach
8 with TVW" web site, innovative "Capitol Classroom" program, and
9 award-winning "Engaged: Students Becoming Citizens" video
10 series; and

11 WHEREAS, TVW produces award-winning shows, including *Inside*
12 *Olympia*, *The Impact*, and *Legislative Review*, which highlight key
13 legislative debates and decisions; and

14 WHEREAS, TVW has won four regional Emmy Awards in its
15 history, including three Emmy Awards in the last two years; and

16 WHEREAS, During its 20 years of service, TVW has had four
17 distinguished presidents, including Congressman Denny Heck;
18 Cindy Zehnder, former Chief Clerk of the House of
19 Representatives; Greg Lane, Deputy Secretary of State; and
20 former State Representative Renee Radcliff Sinclair; and

21 WHEREAS, TVW has employed a highly talented and dedicated
22 staff who share a commitment to the organization's mission, with
23 special recognition owed to 20-year employee Scott Chisa,
24 programming coordinator, and 17-year employee Anthony Arenas,
25 operations supervisor, who are the two longest serving TVW
26 employees;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
28 Senate congratulate TVW on 20 years of service to the people of
29 Washington State; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
31 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to TVW's
32 president and CEO, and the TVW Board of Directors.

33 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
34 do hereby certify that this is a true and
35 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8655,
36 adopted by the Senate
37 March 31, 2015

38 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
39 Secretary of the Senate