

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Hargrove

1           WHEREAS, Starting as a paperboy and eventually becoming an award-  
2 winning editor and highly respected publisher of The Daily World in  
3 Aberdeen, John C. Hughes is a story teller, a mentor to generations  
4 of today's journalists and communications professionals, and a  
5 pioneer of journalism; and

6           WHEREAS, Hughes spent his free time in high school working at  
7 what was then the Aberdeen World, delivering papers, running copy,  
8 and filling paste pots until he started reporting; and

9           WHEREAS, Hughes drew from mentors all over Grays Harbor in almost  
10 every facet of the community, from librarians, to firefighters, to  
11 legislators; and

12           WHEREAS, During his time writing for The Daily World, Hughes  
13 earned awards for his investigative reporting, historical features,  
14 editorials, and columns; and

15           WHEREAS, Every piece Hughes wrote, no matter how seemingly  
16 simple, reflected his dedication to accuracy and quality, and blended  
17 statistics with emotion for optimum clarity; and

18           WHEREAS, In addition to his 42-year career in journalism, Hughes  
19 accumulated countless achievements, from serving in the Air Force  
20 overseas, to writing six books, to sitting on the board of trustees  
21 for the Washington State Historical Society, to writing a one-man  
22 play; and

1       WHEREAS, Hughes has written biographies for former United States  
2 Senator Slade Gorton, former Governors Booth Gardner and John  
3 Spellman, civil rights pioneer Lillian Walker, reporter Adele  
4 Ferguson, and First Lady Nancy Evans; and

5       WHEREAS, Hughes used two decades of research to write "On The  
6 Harbor," an extensive narrative history of Grays Harbor; and

7       WHEREAS, Hughes serves as the Chief Oral Historian for the  
8 Washington State Legacy Project, overseen by the Secretary of State;  
9 and

10       WHEREAS, The Legacy Project aims to record and preserve life  
11 stories of influential people that shaped Washington's history; and

12       WHEREAS, Hughes helped capture significant stories about people  
13 who may have been otherwise forgotten, has helped preserve  
14 Washington's history, and is devoting his life to keeping history  
15 alive; and

16       WHEREAS, Hughes has frequently been praised for his ability to  
17 bring history to life and for being a treasure to his community and  
18 to his state; and

19       WHEREAS, Washington is fortunate to have John C. Hughes as a  
20 citizen and a story teller, as he loves the state dearly and is  
21 committed to carrying on its stories;

22       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
23 honor John C. Hughes for his dedication to journalism and his  
24 commitment to preserving the great history of Washington and its  
25 people.

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