

SENATE RESOLUTION

8688

By Senators Fain and Roach

1 WHEREAS, James Blanchard has dutifully served South King and
2 North Pierce counties as executive director of Auburn Youth Resources
3 for over 14 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim received his bachelor's degree in social sciences
5 from Wheaton College and his MBA from Seattle University; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim worked for Weyerhaeuser for over a decade as
7 director of human resources, labor relations manager, and employee
8 relations supervisor; and

9 WHEREAS, Jim was driven to take action watching children, young
10 people, and families struggling to navigate complex social issues;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Auburn Youth Resources is a private nonprofit agency
13 focusing on serving low to moderate income children, youth, and
14 families; and

15 WHEREAS, The agency operates four major community-based programs
16 that provide substance abuse treatment, intervention and prevention
17 services, mental health counseling, children's residential services,
18 child care and head start, tutoring, and homeless and runaway youth
19 outreach services; and

20 WHEREAS, Jim and Auburn Youth Resources embrace the diversity of
21 the populations they serve; and

22 WHEREAS, The agency has doubled, both in budget and number of
23 employees, under Jim's tenure; and

1 WHEREAS, Jim oversaw the inclusion of childcare and early
2 learning for low-income families, as well as the acquisition of
3 three new buildings and a multiplex at Auburn Youth Resources;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Jim acquired ACAP Child and Family Services and
6 integrated it within Auburn Youth Resources in 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim is an active member in the community, having
8 served as president of the Auburn Symphony Orchestra, treasurer
9 at the Face, Heart, and Mind Foundation, member of the Kiwanis
10 Club of Auburn, and board member at the Auburn Valley Human
11 Services Campus Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Uniquely Auburn recognized Jim for Exemplifying the
13 Spirit of Auburn in 2002; and

14 WHEREAS, Jim's outstanding leadership will be missed in his
15 retirement by those he worked with and served;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, That the Washington State
17 Senate recognize James Blanchard for his passionate commitment
18 to help those in need throughout South King and North Pierce
19 counties.

20 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
21 do hereby certify that this is a true and
22 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8688,
23 adopted by the Senate
24 June 28, 2015

25 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
26 Secretary of the Senate