

SENATE RESOLUTION

8740

By Senators Rivers, Cleveland, Keiser, Fraser, Sheldon, and King

1 WHEREAS, John McKibbin was one of Clark County's most well-known
2 and, more importantly, well-respected citizens, serving in many
3 leadership positions for decades; and

4 WHEREAS, John was a Clark County resident since 1969 and taught
5 at Vancouver's Columbia River High School before becoming a 49th
6 District legislator in 1974, serving two terms in the House of
7 Representatives, and then a Clark County Commissioner in 1978,
8 winning with an impressive 71 percent of the vote; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon leaving elected office in 1990, John dedicated
10 himself to serving Clark County through volunteer work that included
11 serving as president and chief executive officer of the Greater
12 Vancouver Chamber of Commerce; and

13 WHEREAS, John's latest effort to encourage greater public
14 engagement in southwest Washington was his founding of Identity Clark
15 County and Leadership Clark County; and

16 WHEREAS, John combined an enthusiasm for life with seemingly
17 endless energy and that rare ability to reach across divides and
18 disagreements to bring people together, particularly when the cause
19 was the betterment of his community; and

20 WHEREAS, John was always the visionary and at the end of his life
21 was organizing a diverse group of southwest Washington business and
22 education leaders to implement "The Pearson Field Initiative," a

1 STEM-based education opportunity centered on aerospace and
2 aviation careers at Vancouver's Pearson Field; and

3 WHEREAS, John loved aviation and his early 1940s North
4 American AT-6A, with its polished aluminum body and bright red
5 nose and tail, and was a passionate member of, and advocate for,
6 the Pearson Field community; and

7 WHEREAS, John never did anything halfway, was never at a
8 loss for words, and never met a challenge he could not overcome,
9 and will be remembered by many in Clark County as an amazing
10 strategic thinker who always had time for everyone; and

11 WHEREAS, John was a man of strong faith and a dedicated
12 husband who lit up at the very mention of his beloved wife
13 Nancy, to whom he was married for more than 40 years, as well as
14 a proud father of Megan and Jennifer and a grandfather, to which
15 family we extend our most heartfelt sympathies; and

16 WHEREAS, We also extend our deepest sympathies to the family
17 of Irene Mustain, who was the passenger on John's plane and for
18 whom he was performing his final selfless act of service to the
19 widow of a United States Air Force veteran;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
21 Senate honor and remember the life and legacy of John McKibbin,
22 dedicated public servant and leader, who will be missed by his
23 family, friends, and those who had the good fortune of meeting
24 him and working with him; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
26 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to John
27 McKibbin's wife, Nancy McKibbin; and to his two daughters, Megan
28 and Jennifer.

29 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
30 do hereby certify that this is a true and
31 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8740,
32 adopted by the Senate
33 March 29, 2016

34 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
35 Secretary of the Senate