

SENATE RESOLUTION

8630

By Senators Darneille, Zeiger, O'Ban, Becker, and Conway

1 WHEREAS, Fred Oldfield was born on March 18, 1918, in Alfalfa,  
2 Washington; and he was one of nine children; and

3 WHEREAS, Fred was raised on the Yakima Indian Reservation near  
4 Toppenish, and his youth was filled with adventure as he lived the  
5 life of a cowboy with covered wagons, galloping horses, and starting  
6 fires with cow chips; and

7 WHEREAS, As a young man, Fred had an array of experiences  
8 including gold mining, boxing, farming, hunting, and working as a  
9 cowhand, all of which would influence his paintings; and

10 WHEREAS, Often called an "unconventional man," Fred went against  
11 all odds to spend his life living out his passion for painting, and  
12 he will forever be known as one of the premier painters of the  
13 American West in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Fred was always active in his Pacific Northwest  
15 community, and he used his talents to raise funds for many causes  
16 including kidney disease research, the Emergency Food Network, and a  
17 variety of scholarships for students in need; and

18 WHEREAS, Fred enjoyed sharing his love of painting with children,  
19 and he was forever grateful for the looks he saw in their eyes when  
20 he told them stories of his days on the range, telling tales around  
21 the campfire, and eating a can of beans from the chuck wagon; and

1           WHEREAS, Fred believed in the power of a positive outlook on  
2 life, making a friend out of everyone he met, and sharing a  
3 smile and a story with his friends and neighbors; and

4           WHEREAS, The Fred Oldfield Western Heritage & Art Center was  
5 built in 2002, dedicated to the preservation of Fred's dream to  
6 share his love of life, Western Art, and the history of the  
7 American West with all generations; and

8           WHEREAS, Fred Oldfield passed away on February 24, 2017,  
9 saddling up his horse and tipping his hat for the last time; and

10           WHEREAS, The Fred Oldfield Western Heritage & Art Center  
11 will commemorate Fred's life with a breakfast celebration and  
12 fund-raiser for the Center at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on March  
13 17;

14           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
15 Senate celebrate and honor Fred Oldfield the person; acknowledge  
16 his invaluable contributions to Washington State and beyond; and  
17 recognize that the history, passion, and art of Fred Oldfield  
18 will live on for generations; and

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
20 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the  
21 family of Fred Oldfield, including his daughter Joella; to the  
22 Fred Oldfield Western Heritage & Art Center; to the Governor;  
23 and to the Lieutenant Governor.

24 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
25 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
26 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8630,  
27 adopted by the Senate  
28 March 15, 2017

29 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
30 Secretary of the Senate