

SENATE RESOLUTION

8633

By Senators Fortunato, Braun, Rossi, Bailey, Pearson, Padden, Zeiger, Wilson, Short, Miloscia, Fain, Baumgartner, Ericksen, Rivers, Honeyford, Walsh, and Conway

1 WHEREAS, Today, we honor the Fraternal Order of Eagles, an
2 organization that has promoted peace, prosperity, gladness, and hope
3 since its founding in 1898; and

4 WHEREAS, It brings us great pride to know this organization was
5 founded in Washington state by a group of theater directors in
6 Seattle, and throughout the organization's history its had seven
7 different American presidents hold membership, including Theodore
8 Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan; and

9 WHEREAS, The Fraternal Order of Eagles has gone from the original
10 six founding members to boasting nearly 800,000 members and more than
11 1,500 locations across the United States and Canada; and

12 WHEREAS, Fraternity members and locations have consistently
13 upheld the Fraternity motto of "liberty, truth, justice, and
14 equality" by using its organization and influence to promote well-
15 being in its members' communities and spearheading movements to aid
16 those who are struggling; and

17 WHEREAS, The Fraternal Order of Eagles has had a monumental
18 impact on social legislation, its notable achievements include the
19 institution of Mother's Day, ending age-based discrimination with its
20 Jobs After 40 program, being a driving force behind the
21 implementation of Social Security, and being an avid and influential
22 proponent for worker's compensation; and

1 WHEREAS, The Fraternal Order of Eagles has committed
2 millions of dollars to various causes concerned with social
3 welfare, including donating over one million dollars to Saint
4 Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and 25 million dollars to
5 the University of Iowa to fund the Fraternal Order of Eagles
6 Diabetes Research Center; and

7 WHEREAS, The Fraternal Order of Eagles has shown passionate
8 investment in its members' communities, distributing thousands
9 of plaques and monoliths bearing the Ten Commandments to public
10 parks, courthouses, and city halls in promotion of a moral
11 foundation for our society;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That after 119 years of
13 service to people and communities across the country, it is with
14 great respect that the Washington State Senate honor the
15 Fraternal Order of Eagles and its members; and recognize their
16 numerous and admirable achievements, passion and drive to help
17 those in need, and unflinching principles of "liberty, truth,
18 justice, and equality."

19 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
20 do hereby certify that this is a true and
21 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8633,
22 adopted by the Senate
23 April 17, 2017

24 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
25 Secretary of the Senate