

SENATE RESOLUTION

8662

By Senator Fain

1 WHEREAS, Ms. El Wanda Bryant shows an enthusiasm for life that is  
2 contagious, and is always on the lookout for the positive in every  
3 situation; and

4 WHEREAS, After completing high school, El Wanda attended Eastern  
5 Washington College of Education where, during her Sophomore year, she  
6 married Bill Bryant, her high school sweetheart; and

7 WHEREAS, El Wanda started out as a tour guide for the legislative  
8 building in 1989, was very quickly asked to volunteer, and committed  
9 to temporarily help out with the Senate Page Program; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Bryant dutifully served Washington State by leading  
11 the Senate Page Program for twenty-eight years; and

12 WHEREAS, Over ten thousand pages within the Senate Page Program  
13 have had the opportunity to learn from El Wanda throughout her years  
14 of dedicated service; and

15 WHEREAS, Every Sunday during those twenty-eight years, El Wanda  
16 freely gave her afternoons to the Pages for their orientation; and  
17 neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow could prevent her from helping each  
18 new page feel welcome at the Capitol Building; and

19 WHEREAS, El Wanda was an instrumental part of setting into motion  
20 an emergency plan, ensuring the Pages knew where to meet in the event  
21 of an emergency; and

22 WHEREAS, Following the earthquake in February of 2001, El Wanda  
23 calmly gathered the twelve Pages from the dark Senate floor, led them

1 to the Page room on the fourth floor, and gathered the remaining  
2 Pages so that Security, carrying one flashlight, could lead the  
3 group out through the back stairwell to safety; and

4 WHEREAS, El Wanda's adaptability and organizational skills  
5 were pivotal in allowing the Page Program to work successfully  
6 within the temporary buildings during reconstruction; and

7 WHEREAS, El Wanda's dedication to the Page Program was  
8 critical in keeping the program thriving during the budget  
9 crisis of 2008-2010, and even with diminished funds El Wanda  
10 never allowed the Page experience to be diminished; and

11 WHEREAS, El Wanda guided the Page Program through many  
12 legislative and technological changes, and her flexibility has  
13 been key in maneuvering the Page Program into the vital role it  
14 still provides today to the Washington State Senate and its  
15 supporting staff; and

16 WHEREAS, El Wanda and her husband of 60 years have raised  
17 five successful children and six loving grandchildren;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
19 Senate recognize El Wanda Bryant for her passionate commitment  
20 to advancing the civic education of students in the great state  
21 of Washington.

22 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
23 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
24 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8662,  
25 adopted by the Senate  
26 April 21, 2017

27 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
28 Secretary of the Senate