

SENATE RESOLUTION

8672

By Senator Fain

1           WHEREAS, In 1962, Joe Duffie enlisted in the United States Army  
2 in Seattle, Washington; he later completed advanced infantry training  
3 in Fort Ord, California, where he was commended as most distinguished  
4 trainee of his Company; and then went on to the Airborne Course at  
5 Fort Bennett, Georgia; and

6           WHEREAS, Joe went overseas to serve in Korea, where he departed  
7 with the rank of Squad Leader; and

8           WHEREAS, Following discharge, Joe enlisted in the Washington Army  
9 National Guard where he served for 31 years; and

10           WHEREAS, Joe first moved to Tukwila in 1967 and has lived in his  
11 current home since 1969; and

12           WHEREAS, In the Fall of 1981, Joe was elected to the Tukwila City  
13 Council and has been reelected with strong public support to 9 terms  
14 in office; and

15           WHEREAS, Joe got involved in public service to improve the  
16 quality of life in Tukwila neighborhoods and to improve transparency  
17 and accountability in government; and

18           WHEREAS, Joe continued his commitment to transparency by  
19 initiating the "Council Chat" program, which allows residents an  
20 opportunity to speak informally with individual Councilmembers; and

21           WHEREAS, Joe led the City of Tukwila toward being a community  
22 focused on diversity and inclusion with a school district that has  
23 been touted as the single most diverse in the country; and

1           WHEREAS, There has never been a stronger advocate for  
2 Tukwila's youth than Joe, and his work in the district has led  
3 to every student for generations knowing him by name; and

4           WHEREAS, Joe continues to lead a weekly running program for  
5 kids at Tukwila Elementary and Campbell Hill Elementary schools;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Joe has a passion for hunting, fishing, and  
8 restoring classic cars; and

9           WHEREAS, Joe and his wife, Jacquelyn, raised their three  
10 children: Jacquelyn, Renae, and Kerwin in Tukwila; and

11           WHEREAS, Upon Joe's retirement the Tukwila City Council will  
12 lose a strong voice for progress that has served the citizens of  
13 Tukwila for over 35 years;

14           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
15 Senate recognize Joe Duffie for his many years of dedicated  
16 public service to the City of Tukwila, the State of Washington,  
17 and the United States of America.

18 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
19 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
20 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8672,  
21 adopted by the Senate  
22 June 26, 2017

23 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
24 Secretary of the Senate