

SENATE RESOLUTION

8686

By Senator Ericksen

1 WHEREAS, The Washington State commercial fishing fleet begins
2 leaving in March 2018 for the Pacific and Alaskan waters; and

3 WHEREAS, The Blessing of the Fleet will occur in Blaine Harbor on
4 May 6, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, The commercial fishing industry has been a long
6 tradition in the state of Washington, and is an integral aspect of
7 the economic life for many families; and

8 WHEREAS, The danger and hardship of fishers on the high seas
9 requires bravery, courage, and fortitude from the people who risk
10 their lives to harvest the ocean's resources; and

11 WHEREAS, The risks involved with fishing too often take the lives
12 of the brave men and women who choose to work on the sea; and

13 WHEREAS, The tragedy of losing our friends and neighbors on the
14 high seas impact not only the close community of fishing families,
15 but also our entire state;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
17 extend its condolences to the families and friends of all our fishers
18 who have lost their lives at sea, wish the entire commercial fishing
19 fleet a safe and prosperous season, and express its hope that all of
20 our fishers will return home safely to their families, friends, and
21 communities.

22 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,

1 do hereby certify that this is a true and
2 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8686,
3 adopted by the Senate
4 February 16, 2018

5 BRAD HENDRICKSON
6 Secretary of the Senate