

SENATE RESOLUTION

8704

By Senators Zeiger, Baumgartner, Kuderer, Fortunato, Sheldon, Bailey, O'Ban, Honeyford, Wagoner, Warnick, Conway, Frockt, Padden, Braun, Wellman, Angel, Wilson, Miloscia, Becker, Schoesler, Brown, and Short

1           WHEREAS, Senator Thomas Slade Gorton was born on January 8, 1928,  
2 in Chicago, Illinois; and

3           WHEREAS, Senator Gorton served in the United States Air Force  
4 from 1953 until 1956, continuing to serve in the Air Force Reserves  
5 until 1980 when he retired as a Colonel; and

6           WHEREAS, Senator Gorton came to Washington and began practicing  
7 law in 1956 in Seattle; and

8           WHEREAS, Republican Senator Gorton served in the Washington State  
9 House of Representatives from 1959-1969, as Washington State Attorney  
10 General from 1969-1981, and as a United States Senator from 1981-1987  
11 and 1989-2001; and

12           WHEREAS, Senator Gorton saved Seattle baseball three separate  
13 times, ensuring long term home team ownership of the Seattle  
14 Mariners; and

15           WHEREAS, Following the September 11th 2001 terrorist attacks,  
16 Senator Gorton was appointed to the National Commission on Terrorist  
17 Attacks Upon the United States and made important contributions to  
18 national security through his work as a 9/11 commissioner in 2003 and  
19 2004; and

20           WHEREAS, Senator Gorton was appointed as a member of the 2011  
21 Washington State Redistricting Commission, which helped shape the  
22 current political landscape of our state; and

1           WHEREAS, Senator Gorton continues to mentor and inspire  
2 elected officials, civic leaders, and students, particularly  
3 through his work with the Slade Gorton International Policy  
4 Center at the National Bureau for Asian Research; and

5           WHEREAS, Senator Gorton met Sally Clark when she was a  
6 journalist at The Seattle Times in 1957, pursued a courtship  
7 that included movies on Fridays, skiing on Sundays, and a  
8 wedding on June 28, 1958, and raised a family of three children  
9 and seven grandchildren;

10          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in celebration of his  
11 ninetieth birthday, the Washington State Senate express its  
12 gratitude to Senator Slade Gorton for his many services to our  
13 state and our nation; and

14          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
15 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the  
16 Gorton family, in recognition and appreciation of Senator  
17 Gorton's commitment to the great state of Washington.

18 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
19 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
20 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8704,  
21 adopted by the Senate  
22 February 9, 2018

23 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
24 Secretary of the Senate