

SENATE RESOLUTION

8708

By Senators Warnick, Nelson, Billig, Rolfes, McCoy, Pedersen, Chase, Hunt, Palumbo, Cleveland, Takko, Dhingra, Saldaña, Van De Wege, Schoesler, Fortunato, O'Ban, Bailey, Padden, Ericksen, Fain, Wagoner, Short, King, Conway, Hobbs, Keiser, Frockt, Mullet, Becker, Kuderer, Lias, Hawkins, Miloscia, Wilson, Brown, Darneille, Carlyle, Zeiger, Honeyford, Sheldon, Wellman, Ranker, and Angel

1 WHEREAS, Linda O'Neal was raised in Chelan, as a fourth-
2 generation resident of north central Washington, and worked as a
3 waitress to put herself through Washington State University's
4 pharmacy program, then returned home to begin a career as a
5 registered pharmacist; and

6 WHEREAS, As Linda Evans Parlette she was elected to the House of
7 Representatives in 1996, furthering a public-service career that
8 began as a member of the Lake Chelan School District board and later
9 the North Central Educational Service District board; and

10 WHEREAS, Linda Evans Parlette won election to the Senate in 2000,
11 becoming the first woman to serve as 12th District senator, and was
12 returned for three more terms; and

13 WHEREAS, During Linda Evans Parlette's tenure in the Legislature,
14 63 of the bills she introduced became law, including legislation to
15 reduce the state's debt limit, expand the role of pharmacists in
16 medical teams, improve coordination, transparency, and accountability
17 among state landholding agencies, and ensure that habitat for salmon
18 and steelhead is plentiful on the Upper Columbia River; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Parlette advocated successfully for the
20 restoration of Beebe Springs, adjacent to the Chelan Fish Hatchery,
21 and partnered with the Grand Coulee Dam School District and local
22 community leaders to secure funding for the new Lake Roosevelt K-12
23 school, which opened in 2014; and

1 WHEREAS, She worked tirelessly at the federal level to
2 promote the reestablishment of the "Road to Cottonwood" in the
3 North Cascades National Park; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Parlette spent her entire career at the
5 Capitol as a member of the health care and budget committees,
6 and many years on committees that address natural-resource
7 matters; and

8 WHEREAS, As fans of the Seattle Seahawks football team
9 became known as the "12th Man," Senator Parlette's affiliation
10 with the 12th District caused her to be called the "12th Woman";
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Parlette served as chair of her Senate
13 caucus for a record 10 years, during which time it grew from 17
14 members to a majority of 26 seats, and made history as the
15 Senate's first bipartisan coalition; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Parlette announced in 2016 that she would
17 not seek a fifth Senate term and instead would conclude her
18 service to the 12th Legislative District after 20 years, a mark
19 equaled only by one other legislator and surpassed only by her
20 Senate predecessor's record 29 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Her retirement from the Senate allowed more time
22 with her husband Bob, their five children and three
23 grandchildren, and her mother Jessie O'Neal; and

24 WHEREAS, Linda Evans Parlette continues to apply her
25 experience as a pharmacist and knowledge gained from 20 years of
26 health-care committee service on behalf of north central
27 Washington, as executive director of the North Central
28 Accountable Community of Health;

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize
30 Senator Linda Evans Parlette and the contributions she made to
31 the state and the people during her 20 years of service in the
32 Legislature.

33 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
34 do hereby certify that this is a true and
35 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8708,
36 adopted by the Senate

1 February 14, 2018

2 BRAD HENDRICKSON

3 Secretary of the Senate