

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Hunt, Carlyle, and Liias

1 WHEREAS, Helen Eugenia Hardin was born in Clovis, New Mexico, on
2 August 17, 1933; and

3 WHEREAS, Helen attended Vassar College in New York State;
4 graduated from Scripps College in Claremont, California; and earned a
5 Master's degree from Columbia University; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1960, Helen took a speedwriting course to improve her
7 secretarial skills because the sexism of the era limited her career
8 opportunities to secretarial work. Helen referred to this as a
9 "ghastly part of my life." In Albuquerque, nevertheless, the
10 vocational training proved to be an important career move; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1961, Helen began working as a secretary in
12 Washington, D.C. for U.S. Senator Clinton Anderson of New Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, On the way to the swearing-in ceremony for new senators,
14 Helen met Henry "Scoop" Jackson in an elevator on her first day on
15 the job; and

16 WHEREAS, Helen and Scoop were married December 16, 1961, at the
17 Central Methodist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, Helen was a caring wife to Scoop, a loving mother to her
19 two children, Anna Marie Laurence and Peter Jackson, and a loving
20 grandmother to her grandchildren, Jack and Julia; and

21 WHEREAS, Scoop served the state of Washington faithfully for 30
22 years in the U.S. Senate after being elected five times to the U.S.

1 House of Representatives and joined with Senator Warren G. Magnuson,
2 making them the most powerful state team in the U.S. Senate; and
3 WHEREAS, Helen remembered her life with Scoop as wonderful,
4 saying it was a joy to meet so many people; and
5 WHEREAS, Helen campaigned for Senator Jackson in 1972 and 1976
6 when he sought the Democratic nomination for President of the United
7 States; and
8 WHEREAS, Helen was a tireless community activist, civic leader,
9 and philanthropist; and
10 WHEREAS, Helen returned to the city of Everett, Washington, after
11 her husband's unexpected death in 1983 and became an active member
12 and leader in the community; and
13 WHEREAS, Helen was renowned for hosting philanthropic fundraisers
14 at her family's home on Grand Avenue, a Colonial-Revival style house,
15 which in 1998 was named to the National Register of Historic Places;
16 and
17 WHEREAS, Helen supported many local charities including the
18 Imagine Children's Museum, Cocoon House, the Snohomish County Chapter
19 of the American Red Cross, and the Everett Symphony; and
20 WHEREAS, Helen established the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, and
21 served as its chair, as a living memorial to the late senator; and
22 WHEREAS, The foundation helps public officials, diplomats, and
23 journalists in addressing international issues by funding
24 scholarships, visiting faculty, and other programs at the University
25 of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies; and
26 WHEREAS, Helen's son Peter has shared that his mother was the
27 linchpin to Senator Jackson's success and breathed life into his
28 unfinished work; and
29 WHEREAS, The Helen H. Jackson Endowed Chair in Human Rights at
30 the Jackson School of International Studies was created to recognize
31 her personal commitment to human rights;
32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
33 honor the life of Helen Jackson and remember her work and dedication
34 to the State of Washington; and
35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
36 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Helen
37 Jackson's children, Anna Marie Laurence and Peter Jackson.

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