

SENATE RESOLUTION

8729

By Senators Hunt, Carlyle, Liiias, and Wagoner

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.
2 Magnuson, making them the most powerful state team in the U.S.
3 Senate; and

4 WHEREAS, Helen remembered her life with Scoop as wonderful,
5 saying it was a joy to meet so many people; and

6 WHEREAS, Helen campaigned for Senator Jackson in 1972 and
7 1976 when he sought the Democratic nomination for President of
8 the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Helen was a tireless community activist, civic
10 leader, and philanthropist; and

11 WHEREAS, Helen returned to the city of Everett, Washington,
12 after her husband's unexpected death in 1983 and became an
13 active member and leader in the community; and

14 WHEREAS, Helen was renowned for hosting philanthropic
15 fundraisers at her family's home on Grand Avenue, a Colonial-
16 Revival style house, which in 1998 was named to the National
17 Register of Historic Places; and

18 WHEREAS, Helen supported many local charities including the
19 Imagine Children's Museum, Cocoon House, the Snohomish County
20 Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Everett Symphony; and

21 WHEREAS, Helen established the Henry M. Jackson Foundation,
22 and served as its chair, as a living memorial to the late
23 senator; and

24 WHEREAS, The foundation helps public officials, diplomats,
25 and journalists in addressing international issues by funding
26 scholarships, visiting faculty, and other programs at the
27 University of Washington's Jackson School of International
28 Studies; and

29 WHEREAS, Helen's son Peter has shared that his mother was
30 the linchpin to Senator Jackson's success and breathed life into
31 his unfinished work; and

32 WHEREAS, The Helen H. Jackson Endowed Chair in Human Rights
33 at the Jackson School of International Studies was created to
34 recognize her personal commitment to human rights;

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
36 Senate honor the life of Helen Jackson and remember her work and
37 dedication to the State of Washington; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
2 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Helen
3 Jackson's children, Anna Marie Laurence and Peter Jackson.

4 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
5 do hereby certify that this is a true and
6 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8729,
7 adopted by the Senate
8 March 3, 2018

9 BRAD HENDRICKSON
10 Secretary of the Senate