

SENATE RESOLUTION

8630

By Senators Honeyford, King, Warnick, Brown, and Wagoner

1 WHEREAS, Greg Stewart of Selah, Washington is retiring after an
2 illustrious and unparalleled 48-year career dedicated to the state of
3 Washington and its fair industry; and

4 WHEREAS, Greg is an alumnus of Centralia College and Washington
5 State University, where he graduated with a degree in agricultural
6 economics; and

7 WHEREAS, Greg served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969,
8 including serving a tour of duty in Vietnam; and

9 WHEREAS, Greg Stewart and his wife Karen have been married since
10 November 4, 1967, and raised two lovely daughters, Tami and
11 Stephanie; and

12 WHEREAS, Greg was hired in 1972 by the Central Washington Fair
13 Association to be the Assistant General Manager; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1973, Greg was appointed General Manager of what was
15 then a five-day fair, overseeing a full-time staff of three people;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Central Washington State Fair, home of the original
18 Washington State Fair and the 120-acre fairgrounds, now known as
19 State Fair Park, have grown considerably under Greg's leadership; and

20 WHEREAS, The Central Washington State Fair has grown to a 10-day
21 fair with the addition of the Yakima Valley SunDome, State Fair Park
22 Raceway, Yakima County Stadium, and a full-time staff of 25, and 181
23 event days; and

1 WHEREAS, Greg is a 21-year member of the Yakima Rotary Club,
2 the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce, Yakima Valley Tourism,
3 and the Central Washington Hispanic Chamber; and

4 WHEREAS, In December 2017, Mr. Stewart received an award
5 from the Yakima Latino Professional Association for his
6 excellent leadership, vision, and community support; and

7 WHEREAS, Greg was Director and Vice President of Western
8 Fairs Association from 1979-1981, on the International
9 Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Board from
10 1997-2003, Executive Treasurer 1997-2000, and Chair in 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, Greg was the first recipient out of the State of
12 California to be on the Western Fairs Association Board and to
13 receive the Hall of Fame award in 1995, received the Diploma of
14 Fair Management in 1977 from Western Fairs Association, and was
15 on the Western Fairs Association's Board from 1979-1981; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1984, Greg received the designation of Certified
17 Fair Executive from the International Association of Fairs and
18 Expositions; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2010, Mr. Stewart received the International
20 Association of Fairs and Expositions Hall of Fame award, the
21 highest honor recognized by the fair industry; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart was the Director of the Mid-West Fairs
23 Association, where members are selected by invitation only; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2006, Mr. Stewart served as President of the
25 Mid-West Fairs Association, served on the Washington State Fair
26 Association's Board from 1972-1978, and was President of the
27 Board from 1976-1977; and

28 WHEREAS, Additionally, he has memberships with the Northwest
29 Showman's League, International Association of Auditorium
30 Managers, is a gold card member with the Professional Rodeo
31 Cowboy Association, and a board member of the Outdoor Amusement
32 Business Association; and

33 WHEREAS, In October of 2018, Greg received the Lifetime
34 Achievement Award from the Washington State Fairs Association;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Enjoying his retirement, he hopes to expand on his
37 love of traveling, boating, horses, and fishing;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
2 Senate thank and commend Mr. Greg Stewart for his many years of
3 outstanding public service and dedication to the thousands of
4 people he touched in his career and wish him all the best in
5 retirement; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
7 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Greg
8 Stewart and his family.

9 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
10 do hereby certify that this is a true and
11 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8630,
12 adopted by the Senate
13 April 23, 2019

14 BRAD HENDRICKSON
15 Secretary of the Senate