

SENATE RESOLUTION

8611

By Senators Liias, Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J., and Wilson, L.

1           WHEREAS, Steve K. Houle faithfully served as a Washington State  
2 Trooper for 28 years; and

3           WHEREAS, Steve was a devoted son to Howard and Terri, husband to  
4 Laurie, stepfather to Rachel, and father to Hayden and Connor, living  
5 and serving the State of Washington in his home region of Kittitas  
6 County; and

7           WHEREAS, In a tragic accident, Steve's life was cut short by an  
8 avalanche in the mountains near Cle Elum on February 8th, 2021; and

9           WHEREAS, Steve's supervisor, Sergeant Barry Pilkinton wrote "I  
10 will remember Steve not only as a co-worker but as my friend. A man  
11 that loved his wife, family and friends. He was passionate about the  
12 outdoors and we talked about hunting and fishing for hours. You  
13 didn't catch a bigger fish or win any sort of bet with Steve around.  
14 I will miss our adventures and his sense of humor. I will miss my  
15 friend."; and

16           WHEREAS, Steve was loved and respected by his friends and  
17 colleagues in the Washington State Patrol where he served more than  
18 seven years as a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer, and then in  
19 the Commercial Vehicle Division (CVD) in Wenatchee for the rest of  
20 his exemplary career; and

21           WHEREAS, Steve's work in the CVD earned him the Ticketing  
22 Aggressive Cars and Trucks Trooper of the Year Award, one of the

1 agency's highest honors and an accolade bestowed for a  
2 commitment to keeping Washington State's highways and roadways  
3 safe for all; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Washington has lost a committed  
5 Trooper who exemplified professionalism and commitment to public  
6 service and his fellow Washingtonians;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
8 Senate recognize Washington State Trooper Steve K. Houle as a  
9 father, husband, friend, and devoted servant to the people of  
10 Washington State and extends its deepest condolences to his  
11 family and community.

12 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
13 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
14 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8611,  
15 adopted by the Senate  
16 February 26, 2021

17 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
18 Secretary of the Senate