

SENATE RESOLUTION

8668

By Senators C. Wilson, Kuderer, Lovick, Nobles, Dhingra, Frame, Hansen, Robinson, Billig, Lovelett, Trudeau, Conway, Rivers, Wellman, Pedersen, Warnick, Nguyen, Hasegawa, Liiias, Shewmake, Short, L. Wilson, Keiser, Hunt, Cleveland, and Stanford

1 WHEREAS, This year former Senator Jeannie Darneille announced her  
2 retirement from state service; and

3 WHEREAS, Former Senator Darneille has dedicated decades of her  
4 life to serving the people of Washington State; and

5 WHEREAS, Former Senator Darneille spent the first years of her  
6 career serving as executive director for a number of nonprofit  
7 service organizations, including the Pierce County AIDS Foundation  
8 and the Emergency Food Network; and

9 WHEREAS, She was elected to the Washington State House of  
10 Representatives representing the 27th Legislative District in the  
11 year 2000, where she served five terms with distinction; and

12 WHEREAS, She was elected to the Senate in 2012 where she served  
13 as chair of the Human Services, Rehabilitation, and Reentry  
14 Committee; and

15 Whereas, Throughout her tenure as a Legislator, Jeannie Darneille  
16 was a tireless advocate for human services with a consistent focus on  
17 serving the most vulnerable and historically excluded members of our  
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Jeannie Darneille has also served with distinction as  
20 the Assistant Secretary of the Women's Division at the Department of  
21 Corrections, where she contributed to the integration of gender  
22 responsive care in pursuit of safety and rehabilitation; and

1           WHEREAS, Jeannie Darneille has demonstrated unwavering  
2 commitment and leadership in her role as a public servant,  
3 tirelessly working towards the betterment of our community and  
4 state;

5           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
6 Senate express its deepest gratitude to former Senator Jeannie  
7 Darneille for her exemplary service to the people of the 27th  
8 Legislative District and the entire state; and

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That former Senator Darneille is  
10 wished a well-deserved and joyful retirement, filled with the  
11 recognition of the positive impact she has made throughout her  
12 illustrious career; and

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Jeannie Darneille as a token of the immense respect  
15 and appreciation this legislative body holds for her.

16 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
17 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
18 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8668,  
19 adopted by the Senate  
20 February 8, 2024

21 SARAH BANNISTER  
22 Secretary of the Senate