SENATE RESOLUTION

8616

By Senators Ericksen, Carlyle, Bailey, Liias, Van De Wege, Keiser, Takko, Hunt, Braun, Randall, Wagoner, Rivers, Walsh, Cleveland, Wilson, L., Pedersen, Brown, Hawkins, and Dhingra

WHEREAS, The Washington State commercial fishing fleet will set off for the waters of the Pacific in May of 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Blessing of the Fleet will happen in Blaine Harbor on May 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The commercial and tribal fishing industries have long been cornerstones of the state, and is essential to the economic prosperity of many Washingtonian families; and

WHEREAS, The courageous fishers on the treacherous seas, who risk life and limb to provide us the necessities we take for granted, deserve our utmost respect and gratitude; and

WHEREAS, The dangers of the sea all too often steal the lives of the brave men and women who voluntarily risk it all for our benefit; and

WHEREAS, The heartbreak of losing our beloved friends and neighbors on the high seas impact not only the families of those we lose, but also our entire state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate extend its condolences to the families and friends of all our fishers who have lost their lives at sea, wish the entire commercial fishing fleet a safe and prosperous season, and express its hope that all of our fishers will return home safely to their families, friends, and communities.

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,

do hereby certify that this is a true and

correct copy of Senate Resolution 8616,

adopted by the Senate

February 12, 2019

BRAD HENDRICKSON

Secretary of the Senate