SENATE RESOLUTION

8644

By Senators Salomon, Frockt, Das, Keiser, Van De Wege, Wilson, C., Wagoner, King, Hasegawa, Lovelett, Bailey, Becker, Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Dhingra, Ericksen, Fortunato, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Mullet, Nguyen, O'Ban, Padden, Palumbo, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Rolfes, Saldaña, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Takko, Walsh, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, L., and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Eric Stark has been a driver with King County Metro for seven years, with a reputation for professionalism among bus riders; and

WHEREAS, On March 27th, while operating on Metro Route 75 in North Seattle, Mr. Stark entered an area where a random act of gun violence was occurring; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stark was wounded during the violence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stark, putting his own health aside, backed the Metro bus out of the danger area to assure the safety of his passengers; and

WHEREAS, Only after having ensured the safety of the riders, did Mr. Stark take action to address his injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate, on behalf of the people of our state, express its gratitude and recognition for the selflessness, courage, and commitment to public safety shown by Mr. Stark in performing his duties as a King County Metro bus driver; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate express its deepest condolences to the families and friends of Richard Hasson and Richard T. Lee, who tragically lost their lives during the violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate wish a speedy and complete recovery to Deborah Juad, and hope that she can soon rejoin her second graders at Laurelhurst Elementary school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate express its gratitude to the law enforcement officers of the Seattle Police Department, whose quick intervention prevented further tragedy on that day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Eric Stark.

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,

do hereby certify that this is a true and

correct copy of Senate Resolution 8644,

adopted by the Senate

April 24, 2019

BRAD HENDRICKSON

Secretary of the Senate