

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1995-8603**

By Senator McDonald, Roach, Heavey, Rasmussen, Gaspard, C. Anderson and Fraser

WHEREAS, The state of Washington and its residents have welcomed and assisted newly arrived refugees from all parts of the world, including Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals and organizations have given extensively of their time, talents, and resources to assist refugees in becoming contributing members of our state; and

WHEREAS, The refugees have brought with them new ideas and ideals, new aspirations and ambitions, and new achievements and accomplishments that have added to the strength and diversity of our American society; and

WHEREAS, Many refugees have contributed to our state's economic growth, diversified our political life, enriched our culture, and stimulated progress in all facets of our society; and

WHEREAS, The year of 1995 marks the 20th anniversary of the Southeast Asian refugee resettlement effort in Washington state, and the Vietnamese American refugee community in King county has organized a celebration on January 14, 1995, to commemorate that event;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate acknowledges the many contributions the refugees have made to our state and urges all citizens to join with us in honoring them.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8603,
adopted by the Senate January 13, 1995.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate