SENATE RESOLUTION 1995-8648

By Senators Snyder, Gaspard, Wojahn and Bauer

WHEREAS, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States of America from 1933 until his death on April 12, 1945 -- fifty years ago today -- is revered as one of this nation's greatest presidents; and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt led the nation out of the Great Depression, calming a troubled society by proclaiming at his inauguration that "The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself -- nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror, which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance;" and

WHEREAS, Franklin Delano Roosevelt promised and delivered a "New Deal," which created family-wage jobs for working people and built public infrastructure to support economic prosperity, provided Social Security for older Americans, and put as end to lines at soup kitchens, lifted people out of their despair and restored hope for America's future; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief, rallied the nation through the years of the Second World War to secure the Allied victory he did not live to see, and established the United States' leadership role in opposing aggression and preserving individual freedoms throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Delano Roosevelt overcame the challenges of his physical disability to lead the nation and the world through the most difficult period in modern history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate hereby commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and honors and remembers his unmatched service to our nation and world.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8648, adopted by the Senate April 12, 1995.

MARTY BROWN Secretary of the Senate