SENATE RESOLUTION 1995-8659

By Senators Gaspard, McDonald, Spanel and Kohl

WHEREAS, The legislative process requires the active participation of citizens from every occupation and profession; and

WHEREAS, Education of the state's children is the paramount duty of the state; and WHEREAS, Education professionals, through the Washington Education Association, have been well represented in Olympia and throughout the state by Bob Fisher; and

WHEREAS, Bob Fisher has labored for thirty-three years in education, first as a classroom teacher, and then as a field representative and lobbyist for the Washington Education Association during the past twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Bob Fisher has served his profession and the interests of education during the terms of five different governors and countless members of the Legislature, and has worked with various state agencies including: The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, State Patrol, Labor and Industries, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Public Disclosure Commission, and the Public Employment Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, Bob is well-regarded in the education community and by organizations and individuals representing school directors, parents, administrators, principals and other school employees in Olympia where Bob was a founding member of their "Wine Cellar" group--so named because they have met for the past twenty-five years in the wine cellar of a local restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Bob Fisher is one of Olympia's most senior lobbyists and has contributed much time and effort to the activities of the Third House, serving on the organizing committee for the Third House Message Center in 1986 and assisting in hosting various Third House functions; and

WHEREAS, The 1995 Regular Session of the Fifty-Fourth Legislature will be Bob Fisher's last *regular* session before his retirement on August 31, 1995;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington hereby honors Bob Fisher for his many years of service and tireless effort on behalf of quality education for children in Washington's public schools and the rights of school district and community college employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to Bob Fisher confirming his new status as *lobbyist emeritus* with warm wishes for a well-deserved retirement from public service.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8659, adopted by the Senate April 23, 1995.

MARTY BROWN Secretary of the Senate