SENATE RESOLUTION 1998-8721

By Senators Rasmussen, Deccio, Wood, Prentice, Wojahn, Franklin, Johnson, Kohl, Loveland and Fraser

WHEREAS, The distinguished physicians Jack Lein, M.D., and Harold Laws, M.D., had the wisdom and initiative to establish a health clinic on the capitol campus in 1969 for the purpose of serving the medical needs of legislative employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, The health clinic has continued this tradition of service for nearly thirty years, by administering free first aid and medical care to all citizens who walk through its doors; and

WHEREAS, The health clinic is staffed on a daily basis by physicians from all corners of the state who choose to travel to Olympia and volunteer their time and professional services at no small expense to their own private practices; and

WHEREAS, These physicians are assisted by registered nurses Diane Hettinger, R.N., a sixteen year veteran of the clinic, and Betsy Minnick, R.N., and all administrative duties of the health clinic are performed by Winnie Cline; and

WHEREAS, A number of health care institutions and providers, including Blue Cross, Group Health, the Hospital Association, Nurses Association, Pharmacists Association, and Washington State Medical Association, play an integral role in keeping the clinic open by providing essential funding and supplies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate do hereby recognize and honor the dedicated service of the physicians and nurses who, through the generous giving of their time, make the free health care clinic a working reality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Certificates of Distinguished Citizenship will henceforth be transmitted by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor after the close of every Legislative session to the physicians who have contributed to the public good and health by volunteering their time and service to the citizens of the great state of Washington.

I, Mike O'Connell, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1998-8721, adopted by the Senate March 12, 1998.

MIKE O'CONNELL Secretary of the Senate