

**SENATE RESOLUTION
2001-8606**

By Senators Rasmussen, Swecker, McAuliffe, Franklin, Haugen, Eide, Kastama and Spanel

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize the heroic actions of its residents; and

WHEREAS, We often take for granted that our children will be safely transported to and from school; and

WHEREAS, On a recent winter day, a two-ton vehicle collided with a Bethel School District bus carrying twenty-two students; and

WHEREAS, The bus, driven by ten-year veteran bus driver Cheryl Mooring, caught fire as a result of the crash; and

WHEREAS, Although her glasses flew off and she was blinded by smoke from the fire, Cheryl Mooring was able to free her leg, which was pinned beneath the dashboard, and lead all of the middle-school students onboard to safety; and

WHEREAS, For her actions, Cheryl Mooring was hailed by the Washington State Patrol and Bethel School District officials as a heroine.–

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate, on behalf of the people of our state, do hereby recognize and acknowledge the outstanding display of heroic actions and commitment to students by Cheryl Mooring; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Cheryl Mooring and the Bethel School District.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2001-8606,
adopted by the Senate January 24, 2001.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate