SENATE RESOLUTION 8688

By Senators Hewitt, Oke, Honeyford, Parlette, Carlson, Sheahan, Roach and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2001, Pat Mohney, without regard for his own safety, came to the assistance of a young mother trying to protect her two-year-old daughter from an attack by two dogs; and

WHEREAS, Pat Mohney, hitting and hollering at the dogs to distract them from the child, soon became the center of their attention as they came after him; and

WHEREAS, while Pat Mohney was leading the dogs away, Terrie Nordman and her daughter Alexis were able to escape into the cab of their truck; and

WHEREAS, Pat Mohney then drove the wounded mother and child to the Dayton General Hospital where Alexis underwent six hours of surgery, and

WHEREAS, Alexis is now recovering from her multiple and serious injuries, but was saved from suffering any broken bones and internal injuries by the heroism of her mother who acted as a human shield, and by Pat Mohney, a stranger to the family, who diverted the attack to himself; and

WHEREAS, Pat Mohney became involved in this selfless act of heroism by chance as he was driving by where the attack was occurring;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize, honor, and thank Pat Mohney for his courage and act of heroism that saved the life of little Alexis Nordman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Senate members send their best wishes to Ron and Terrie Nordman for the quick and full recovery of Alexis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Pat Mohney; Ron, Terrie and Alexis Nordman; Wayne Peterson, Mayor of Waitsburg; the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners; and Heath Druffel, Plant Manager, McGregor Company.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8688, adopted by the Senate May 3, 2001.

Secretary of the Senate