## SENATE RESOLUTION 8733

By Senators Hewitt, Brown, Honeyford, Eide, Esser, Kastama, Stevens, Berkey, Zarelli, Pridemore, Schoesler, Weinstein, Parlette, Jacobsen, Pflug, Doumit, Benson, Hargrove, Swecker, Kohl-Welles, Finkbeiner, Fairley, Roach, Thibaudeau, Morton, Haugen, Delvin, McAuliffe, Mulliken, Prentice, McCaslin, Fraser, Benton, Franklin, Carrell, Spanel, Schmidt, Regala, Brandland, Poulsen, Deccio, Shin, Oke, Keiser, Rockefeller, Rasmussen, Sheldon and Kline

WHEREAS, Senator Stephen L. Johnson has served the people of the 47th Legislative District as a distinguished and respected member of the Washington State Senate since 1995; and WHEREAS, Senator Johnson has served as Majority Floor Leader, Republican Floor Leader, and Republican Deputy Leader; and

WHEREAS, Senator Johnson served as the chair of the Senate Education Committee during a critical phase of school reform; and

WHEREAS, Senator Johnson is recognized and respected for his dedication to achieving excellence in education for the children of our state; and

WHEREAS, Senator Johnson is known for his quiet, meticulous work on tough issues; and WHEREAS, Senator Johnson's understanding of the law has made him a valuable ranking member on the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Johnson has provided his grateful colleagues, except for Senator McCaslin, with lengthy and technical explanations of lengthy and technical bills; and

WHEREAS, Senator Johnson has served with distinction as the senior partner in the Senate's prestigious law firm of Johnson, Kline, Esser, Rockefeller, and Weinstein; and

WHEREAS, Senator Johnson is known for being a champion of the people on such burning issues as trademark registration, outdated RCW references, the Uniform Arbitration Act, inconsistencies in law regarding court filing fees, and stolen pallets; and

WHEREAS, Senator Johnson's calm, thoughtful, and deliberate manner will be greatly missed by his Senate colleagues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate and staff express our deep appreciation to Senator Stephen L. Johnson for his commitment and dedicated service to the people of the 47th Legislative District and to the people all across Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Senator Stephen L. Johnson, the King County Bar Association, the Mayor of the City of Covington, the Mayor of the City of Black Diamond, the Mayor of the City of Kent, and the Mayor of the City of Auburn.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8733, adopted by the Senate March 7, 2006

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate