

SENATE RESOLUTION

8670

By Senators Hargrove, Hatfield, and Fraser

1       WHEREAS, Starting as a paperboy and eventually becoming an award-  
2 winning editor and highly respected publisher of The Daily World in  
3 Aberdeen, John C. Hughes is a story teller, a mentor to generations  
4 of today's journalists and communications professionals, and a  
5 pioneer of journalism; and

6       WHEREAS, Hughes spent his free time in high school working at  
7 what was then the Aberdeen World, delivering papers, running copy,  
8 and filling paste pots until he started reporting; and

9       WHEREAS, Hughes drew from mentors all over Grays Harbor in almost  
10 every facet of the community, from librarians, to firefighters, to  
11 legislators; and

12       WHEREAS, During his time writing for The Daily World, Hughes  
13 earned awards for his investigative reporting, historical features,  
14 editorials, and columns; and

15       WHEREAS, Every piece Hughes wrote, no matter how seemingly  
16 simple, reflected his dedication to accuracy and quality, and blended  
17 statistics with emotion for optimum clarity; and

18       WHEREAS, In addition to his 42-year career in journalism, Hughes  
19 accumulated countless achievements, from serving in the Air Force  
20 overseas, to writing six books, to sitting on the board of trustees  
21 for the Washington State Historical Society, to writing a one-man  
22 play; and

1           WHEREAS, Hughes has written biographies for former United  
2 States Senator Slade Gorton, former Governors Booth Gardner and  
3 John Spellman, civil rights pioneer Lillian Walker, reporter  
4 Adele Ferguson, and First Lady Nancy Evans; and

5           WHEREAS, Hughes used two decades of research to write "On  
6 The Harbor," an extensive narrative history of Grays Harbor; and

7           WHEREAS, Hughes serves as the Chief Oral Historian for the  
8 Washington State Legacy Project, overseen by the Secretary of  
9 State; and

10          WHEREAS, The Legacy Project aims to record and preserve life  
11 stories of influential people that shaped Washington's history;  
12 and

13          WHEREAS, Hughes helped capture significant stories about  
14 people who may have been otherwise forgotten, has helped  
15 preserve Washington's history, and is devoting his life to  
16 keeping history alive; and

17          WHEREAS, Hughes has frequently been praised for his ability  
18 to bring history to life and for being a treasure to his  
19 community and to his state; and

20          WHEREAS, Washington is fortunate to have John C. Hughes as a  
21 citizen and a story teller, as he loves the state dearly and is  
22 committed to carrying on its stories;

23          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
24 Senate honor John C. Hughes for his dedication to journalism and  
25 his commitment to preserving the great history of Washington and  
26 its people.

27 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
28 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
29 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8670,  
30 adopted by the Senate  
31 April 21, 2015

32 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
33 Secretary of the Senate