

SENATE RESOLUTION

8634

By Senators Liias and Palumbo

1 WHEREAS, Jerry Smith will always be remembered as a great
2 statesman and an inspirational civic leader who cared deeply about
3 his community; and

4 WHEREAS, Jerry Smith was Mountlake Terrace's longest tenured
5 Mayor in the city's history; and

6 WHEREAS, When the people of South Snohomish County were upset
7 that the Sound Transit light rail was going to end at Northgate, it
8 was Jerry who fought to make sure the light rail would extend to
9 Mountlake Terrace; and

10 WHEREAS, It was Jerry's tireless efforts that led to the passing
11 of the proposal for the creation of a new civic campus in Mountlake
12 Terrace; and

13 WHEREAS, Jerry traveled to Olympia and Washington, D.C. on many
14 occasions to work with the state and federal delegations and this
15 work resulted in over \$20 million in funding to Mountlake Terrace;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Jerry Smith was a veteran of the United States Army; and

18 WHEREAS, Jerry worked for the Seattle Police Department for
19 eighteen years; and

20 WHEREAS, Jerry Smith proved to be "a very generous man with a
21 heart of gold" who often helped his community on a personal level;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, Jerry and his wife of 56 years, Judi, founded Tour
2 de Terrace in 1993, a Seafair-sanctioned summer festival for
3 Mountlake Terrace and neighboring communities, to help establish
4 community pride and celebrate the city's 40th anniversary in
5 1994; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry, Judi, and the Tour de Terrace volunteers
7 began the Tree Lighting Ceremony and continue to serve cookies,
8 cocoa, and coffee to this day; and

9 WHEREAS, Known for his service to the young and the old,
10 Jerry was MTYAA Youth Soccer President for 25 years and one of
11 the founding members of the Mountlake Terrace Seniors Group; and

12 WHEREAS, Jerry was a true community booster and a generous
13 man who would go out of his way to help a neighbor; and

14 WHEREAS, Jerry would help his community by assisting in the
15 building of decks, garages, and general improvements;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
17 Senate recognize Jerry Smith and all of the accomplishments he
18 achieved during his life. Jerry was a man who aimed to better
19 his community and loved to do so; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
21 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
22 family of Jerry Smith, to Mayor Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, and to
23 the City Council of Mountlake Terrace.

24 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
25 do hereby certify that this is a true and
26 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8634,
27 adopted by the Senate
28 March 28, 2019

29 BRAD HENDRICKSON
30 Secretary of the Senate