

SENATE RESOLUTION

8644

By Senators Salomon, Frockt, Das, Keiser, Van De Wege, Wilson, C., Wagoner, King, Hasegawa, Lovelett, Bailey, Becker, Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Dhingra, Ericksen, Fortunato, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Kuderer, Lias, McCoy, Mullet, Nguyen, O'Ban, Padden, Palumbo, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Rolfes, Saldaña, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Takko, Walsh, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, L., and Zeiger

1 WHEREAS, Eric Stark has been a driver with King County Metro for
2 seven years, with a reputation for professionalism among bus riders;
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4 WHEREAS, On March 27th, while operating on Metro Route 75 in
5 North Seattle, Mr. Stark entered an area where a random act of gun
6 violence was occurring; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Stark was wounded during the violence; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Stark, putting his own health aside, backed the
9 Metro bus out of the danger area to assure the safety of his
10 passengers; and

11 WHEREAS, Only after having ensured the safety of the riders, did
12 Mr. Stark take action to address his injuries;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate,
14 on behalf of the people of our state, express its gratitude and
15 recognition for the selflessness, courage, and commitment to public
16 safety shown by Mr. Stark in performing his duties as a King County
17 Metro bus driver; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate express its deepest
19 condolences to the families and friends of Richard Hasson and Richard
20 T. Lee, who tragically lost their lives during the violence; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate wish a speedy and
22 complete recovery to Deborah Jواد, and hope that she can soon rejoin
23 her second graders at Laurelhurst Elementary school; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate express its
2 gratitude to the law enforcement officers of the Seattle Police
3 Department, whose quick intervention prevented further tragedy
4 on that day; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
6 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Eric
7 Stark.

8 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
9 do hereby certify that this is a true and
10 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8644,
11 adopted by the Senate
12 April 24, 2019

13 BRAD HENDRICKSON
14 Secretary of the Senate