

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8658**

By Senators Honeyford, Benton, Brown, Carlson, Constantine, Costa, Deccio, Eide, Fairley, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Fraser, Gardner, Hale, Hargrove, Haugen, Hewitt, Hochstatter, Horn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Kastama, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Long, McAuliffe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morton, Oke, Parlette, Patterson, Prentice, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rossi, Sheahan, Sheldon, B., Sheldon, T., Shin, Snyder, Spanel, Stevens, Swecker, Thibaudeau, West, Winsley and Zarelli

WHEREAS, Irving R. Newhouse served the people of the Yakima Valley, and the citizens of the state of Washington for nearly forty years, serving thirty-four illustrious years in the Washington State Legislature from 1965 through 1998 with integrity and honor; and

WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse, who lived in the Yakima Valley for all of his life, began a career of public service in 1964 with his election to the Washington State House of Representatives, and continued his service upon his appointment to the State Senate in 1980; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his political insight and intelligence, Senator Newhouse rose to several leadership positions including Senate Republican Floor leader and Senate President Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, His unmatched understanding of the political process and the Senate's parliamentary procedure occasionally allowed him to direct the Senate's business even when his own party was not in power; and

WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse's vast legislative experience and excellent memory proved a frequent source of perspective and information, as well as a good deal of humor; and

WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse's commitment to the citizens of the 8th and 15th Legislative Districts and his constant support of the agricultural community have proved invaluable to all the people of our state; and

WHEREAS, Despite constant accolades for his service and legislation and reputation for wielding a fair share of political power, Irv always remained the son of John and Tina, the brother to Melvin, Ellen, Alfred, David, Betty, John, Maryjane, Albert and Wayne, just another farmer from the valley at the local coffee shop; and

WHEREAS, His noble and dedicated service, marked by his honesty and humility, was a constant example of a truly devoted public servant and an inspiration to many who serve in the Legislature now; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature named the Irving R. Newhouse Building on the state capital campus in honor of Senator Newhouse's significant contribution to the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Irv, in addition to his many years of public service, was also a dedicated, devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Irving R. Newhouse passed away from this earth on March 29, 2001 after eighty years of distinguished life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate express its sympathy and condolences to the family of Senator Irving R. Newhouse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate hereby pay tribute to Irv's legacy of public service and his contribution to the public good; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate