

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Jacobsen, Oke, Snyder, Morton, McDonald, Spanel, Hargrove, Stevens, Constantine, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, Timothy K. Brown is largely responsible for making Washington's WildWatch program through his expertise and unselfish donation of equipment and time; and

WHEREAS, The ability for the public to see live views of wildlife over the Department of Fish and Wildlife's internet page has proven to be one of the most successful ventures in reaching out to children and adults to understand and appreciate nature; and

WHEREAS, The camera focused on a bald eagle nest in Kent that was popular with over 400,000 visitors between May and September last year; and

WHEREAS, The Kent EagleCam was declared "the best wildlife viewing camera on the net" by the Discovery Channel; and

WHEREAS, The Kent EagleCam has generated enthusiastic requests for more camera sites to be established, and that many of these requests have come from people who watch the wildlife with their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tim Brown, hoping to provide even greater opportunities for the public climbed 125 feet up a Douglas fir tree on the Capitol Campus to install cameras by an eagle nest near the Governor's mansion; and

WHEREAS, Tim's most recent efforts will not only allow live pictures of eagles raising eaglets to be refreshed over the internet every five to ten seconds, but his installation of an infrared camera will allow for night photography as well; and

WHEREAS, Tim has been a dedicated public servant by working in the field of sustainable ecosystem forestry approximately thirty years, including as a fire officer and fire fighter with the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, Tim is internationally known for his efforts to protect and enhance trees for wildlife while managing forest for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, Tim is recognized as being one of the most skilled tree climbers in North America, and certifies climbers for both the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, The work Tim has done with engineers and specialists on the development and use of low-light surveillance and monitoring equipment for wildlife applications has produced dramatic results; and

WHEREAS, Tim still finds time to donate hundreds of hours annually to rescue injured wildlife, such as young eagles falling out of nests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize that Timothy K. Brown has provided a legacy for all of us through his tireless devotion to protecting wildlife and by providing everybody with the opportunity to better understand and love nature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to each member of Congress from the State of Washington, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, and the Director of the state Department of Fish and Wildlife

Secretary of the Senate