

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8681**

By Senators Honeyford, Haugen, Johnson, Parlette, Carlson, Sheldon, B., Oke, Spanel, Winsley, Hewitt, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles and Fraser

WHEREAS, Sidney Wallace Morrison, known to most as Sid,— was born in the Yakima Valley in the state of Washington on May 13, 1933, and ever since brought joy and honor to his parents Charlie and Ann, the entire Morrison family and the many neighbors and friends within the Yakima Valley who are his roots, including his Toppenish High School classmates; and

WHEREAS, Sid served in the United State Army and graduated from Washington State College and throughout his career has been an advocate for the men and women serving in the nation’s military and the students and alumnus of what is now Washington State University; and

WHEREAS, Sid and Marcella Morrison raised three girls and a boy and sustained the family ranch and business, growing apples, cherries, pears and other fruits that are the pride of Washington State’s agricultural bounty; and

WHEREAS, Sid became a leader within Washington State’s tree fruit industry and throughout his career has been a friend and advocate for all of the state’s agricultural interests nationally and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Sid served the citizen’s of the State’s Fifteenth Legislative District in the State House and the State Senate, rising to positions of leadership in both bodies; and

WHEREAS, Sid served with distinction in the United States House of Representatives for twelve years, representing the State’s Fourth Congressional District, and

WHEREAS, Sid was also a leader in Congress providing reliable energy supplies and providing the nation with a strong defense, supporting the energy needs of the nation, new advanced high technology, science and space research, and the transformation of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation from a vital instrument of the nation’s security into a national clean-up laboratory dedicated to protection of things that surround it, and the Columbia River that passes through it; and

WHEREAS, Sid’s congressional service also saw him as an advocate for civil rights, for small businesses, people in need of organ donations, and the wide variety of needs of every citizen seeking help with the federal bureaucracy, assuring that his office serve as a model of constituent service; and

WHEREAS, Sid made good on his promise to serve just twelve years in the Congress and then sought to bring the state together by campaigning hard to become the State’s Governor; and

WHEREAS, Sid was named by the Washington State Transportation Commission as Secretary of Transportation in 1993, with the charge to prepare the state's transportation systems for the Twenty First century; and

WHEREAS, Sid proudly led the men and women of the Washington State Department of Transportation -- always inspiring them to always do their best and make the state's transportation agency a leader in the nation with the call to Move it Better--; and

WHEREAS, during Sid's tenure at the department, major accomplishments included completion of Interstate 90, the Mount St. Helens Memorial Highway, Highway 395 connecting Pasco and Ritzville, the Sequim By-pass, voter approval of new mass transit to serve central Puget Sound, restoration of rail passenger service between Vancouver, BC and Eugene, Oregon, a new First Avenue South Bridge, Tacoma's Cable Stay Bridge on Highway 509, construction of three new Jumbo Mark II ferries and two new fast passenger ferries, safety improvements that have helped make Washington's highways safer each year and always among the safest in the nation, steadily improving pavement conditions on all the state's roads, completion of major portions of the state's High Occupant Vehicle System, development of the state's first long range multi-modal transportation plan, thirty percent growth in transit ridership; fifteen percent growth in ferry ridership; support for freight rails that carry over seventy-four million tons of cargo each year and freight mobility systems that support international trade tied to one in every three jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, Sid led the state's transportation employees who sustain 18,000 miles of highway lanes, 3,300 bridges and tunnels, 70,000 acres of road side, six mountain passes, twenty-nine ferries and twenty ferry terminals that carry twenty-six million passengers each year and successfully complete over ninety-nine percent of every ride; and

WHEREAS, Sid has always promoted the entire state's transportation needs, embracing the diversity of the state's communities and the diversity of all the people who keep the state moving, and became a leader within the nation's transportation community; and

WHEREAS, Sid's career has always represented the best in civility, bipartisanship, result-oriented government and service to all the people of the state with honor and integrity, and is known to most everyone as the model of a nice guy--;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the outstanding contributions of Sid Morrison, who has dedicated his life to making the state of Washington a better place than he found it. He contributed to the success of the state and all that its citizen value and we wish him continued good fortune and active engagement in the affairs of the great state of Washington as he retires as Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8681,

adopted by the Senate May 3, 2001.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate