

**SENATE RESOLUTION**  
**8740**

***By Senator McAuliffe***

WHEREAS, Uniformed police officers are the first and last line of defense in our communities and are true American heroes who uphold the honor, integrity and authority entrusted to them; and

WHEREAS, The Bothell Police Department serves 30,000 residents in a twelve-mile radius; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Bothell Police Department is to protect life and property through professional service and proactive partnership in the community with integrity, responsiveness, sensitivity and respect; and

WHEREAS, Bothell Police Chief Mark Ericks has distinguished himself through leadership in service by establishing a positive community rapport; and

WHEREAS, Since the late 1960s, Chief Ericks has served in many capacities as a uniformed officer in Washington, including detective, undercover officer, hostage negotiator and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Since 1990, the respected Chief Ericks has been instrumental in the professional development of the Bothell Police Department, striving to establish a progressive police unit that holds diversity, inclusiveness and fairness at its core; and

WHEREAS, The Bothell Police Department grew during his tenure, from eighteen police officers to its current total of fifty-four officers and thirty civilian staff.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate expressed its appreciation to Chief Mark Ericks for his distinguished thirty-year career in law enforcement and wishes him luck in his future endeavors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and congratulate Chief Mark Ericks for his exemplary conduct, dedication, hard work and contributions to his community and police department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Chief Mark Ericks and the Bothell Police Department.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8740,  
adopted by the Senate February 7, 2002.

TONY M. COOK  
Secretary of the Senate

