

SENATE RESOLUTION
8708

By Senators McAuliffe, Rockefeller, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Johnson, Fraser and Spanel

WHEREAS, Earl Hale is retiring from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges on January 20, 2006, after thirty-five years of total service and the last nineteen years as the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Earl Hale has helped the State Board to ensure that the two-year college system maintains an open door to public education for nearly half a million Washington residents every year; and

WHEREAS, Earl Hale has articulately and effectively communicated the system's core mission and values to leaders across the state, including business, state government, faculty unions, the K-12 system, and four-year colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Earl Hale has overseen tremendous growth of the two-year college system with the addition of the technical colleges into the system in 1991, and two additional community colleges since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Earl Hale has been instrumental in bringing the community and technical college communities together, to support each other, and to work with the universities and colleges to provide access to a comprehensive education system for all students in the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate hereby commend Earl Hale for his tireless efforts on behalf of the two-year college system and his deep commitment to serving the citizens of Washington over the last thirty-five years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Earl Hale.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8708,
adopted by the Senate
February 10, 2006

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate