

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8740

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Schmidt, Shin, Pflug, McAuliffe, Parlette and Spanel

WHEREAS, Ellen O'Brien Saunders is retiring from the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board on June 30, 2006, as the only Director since the creation of the Board in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Ellen O'Brien Saunders has articulately and effectively communicated the core mission and values of the Work Force Board and the importance of the work force development system to leaders across the state, including labor, business, state government, the K-12 system, and the community and technical college system; and

WHEREAS, Ellen O'Brien Saunders has been instrumental in coordinating the goals and objectives of multiple work force development programs, including developing and updating "High Skills, High Wages," the state strategic plan for work force development; and

WHEREAS, Ellen O'Brien Saunders has overseen the creation of a nationally renowned performance management system for work force development programs; and

WHEREAS, Ellen O'Brien Saunders has conducted outstanding annual conferences on work force development that bring together leaders from across the state to highlight best practices and learn from national and state level experts; and

WHEREAS, Ellen O'Brien Saunders has been a national leader on work force development, having served as the Chair of the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate hereby commend Ellen O'Brien Saunders for her tireless efforts on behalf of the work force development system in this state and her dedication to serving students, laborers, and businesses in the State of Washington since the inception of the Work Force Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Ellen O'Brien Saunders and the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8740,  
adopted by the Senate  
March 8, 2006

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate