By Senators Fairley, Spanel, Jacobsen, Fraser, Pridemore and Regala

WHEREAS, The Lake Forest Park Community Wildlife Habitat Project is a volunteer program that teaches people how to certify and maintain their backyards as wildlife sanctuaries; and

WHEREAS, Certified habitats include landscaping for wildlife-friendly environments that offer food, water, cover, and places for wildlife to raise offspring; and

WHEREAS, The 159 backyards certified through this program are helping to make Lake Forest Park a better place for songbirds, butterflies, and other wildlife species, and are encouraging volunteerism and community pride; and

WHEREAS, Participation includes Lake Forest Park residents Senator Darlene Fairley and Representative Ruth Kagi, among others; both Lake Forest Park elementary schools; businesses; the Department of Fish and Wildlife; the National Wildlife Federation; the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation; and other nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, The city of Lake Forest Park is to be congratulated for its recognition as only the third city in Washington, and the 21st city in the nation certified through the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the outstanding efforts of the Lake Forest Park Community Wildlife Habitat Project and the city of Lake Forest Park for the support and organization of wildlife conservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the coordinator of the Lake Forest Park Project, Libby Fiene, and to David Hutchison, the Mayor of Lake Forest Park.