## SENATE RESOLUTION 8693

By Senators Marr, Brown, and Kohl-Welles

WHEREAS, Citizens of character, intelligence, creativity, initiative, compassion, and collaborative spirit have made significant contributions to the growth and development of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Eldredge is representative of these qualities and contributions; and WHEREAS, Bruce Eldredge, of Spokane has served as the CEO of the Eastern Washington State Historical Society from September 1, 2001, until January 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Eastern Washington State Historical Society serves over one hundred twenty thousand annual visitors, and over fourteen thousand K-12 teachers and students, and is recognized as one of only seven hundred accredited museums in the country by the American Association of Museums affirming that Eastern Washington State Historical Society meets the highest standards in collections and exhibits management, education, and visitor services; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Eldredge is President of Washington Arts Consortium which is the oldest collection sharing art consortium in the United States and is made up of the seven largest accredited art museums in the state, a board member of Group Health Cooperative and served as Chairman of the Cooperative Development Committee and as a member of the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and the Audit Committee, a board member of the Western Association of Museums, the regional organization representing museums in the nine western states, a board member of the Spokane Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau, and an Accreditation Reviewer and Museum Assessment Program Reviewer for the American Association of Museums; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Eldredge served the State of Washington in an exemplary manner as a major contributor to the community, cultural, and political life of the Northwest Region; and

WHEREAS, Now is an appropriate time to recognize the contributions of Bruce Eldredge and the trustees and staff of the Eastern Washington State Historical Society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor Bruce Eldredge and the Eastern Washington State Historical Society's contributions to Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted to Bruce Eldredge and the Eastern Washington State Historical Society.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8693, adopted by the Senate January 16, 2008

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate