By Senators Delvin, Franklin, Haugen, Rockefeller, Rasmussen, Prentice, Benton, McCaslin, Brandland, Carrell, Holmquist, Roach, Shin, Morton, Pridemore, Tom, Hobbs, Marr, King, Hatfield, and Eide

WHEREAS, Freemasons, whose long lineage extends to before Washington achieved statehood, have set an example of high moral standards and charity for all people; and

WHEREAS, The founding fathers of this great State of Washington, many of whom were Freemasons, provided a well-rounded basis for developing themselves and others into valuable citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Masonic Fraternity, both individually and as an organization, continue to make invaluable charitable contributions of service to the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Masonic Fraternity continues to provide for the charitable relief and education of the citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Masonic Fraternity is deserving of formal recognition of their long history of caregiving for the citizenry and their example of high moral standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the thousands of Freemasons of Washington and honor them for their many contributions to our state throughout its history; and

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

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8710, adopted by the Senate March 10, 2008

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate