

SENATE RESOLUTION
8626

By Senators Shin, McAuliffe, Jacobsen, Kilmer, Jarrett, Hobbs, Kastama, Stevens, and Kohl-Welles

WHEREAS, Charles H. Mitchell had served as president of Seattle Central Community College from 1987 to 2003 and Chancellor of Seattle Community Colleges from 2003 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles H. Mitchell is a nationally recognized leader in higher education who is also distinguished by his long career of service in the Seattle region; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Mitchell, Seattle Central Community College was transformed and received national acclaim including being named Time magazine's 2001 "Community College of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell has received numerous awards recognizing his educational leadership nationally and statewide such as the University of Washington Charles E. Odegaard Award and Earl Norman Leadership Award for Outstanding Community College Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell was named "Father of the Year" in 2002 by the American Diabetes Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell has served as a mentor and role model for untold numbers of students, colleagues, and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell helped create one of the nation's most expansive programs of "learning communities"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell was instrumental in obtaining funding for major construction such as the Student Activity Center and Seattle Vocational Institute; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell's leadership and vision has led to many new educational training partnerships with businesses and industries in the greater Seattle area; and

WHEREAS, While Chancellor of Seattle Community Colleges, Dr. Mitchell has created a diverse environment for the 57,000 students each year at North, South, and Seattle Central Community Colleges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate acknowledge the lasting impression of Charles Mitchell's leadership in higher education in the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Dr. Mitchell and to the Board of Trustees of the Seattle Community College District Board.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8626,
adopted by the Senate
February 17, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate