SENATE RESOLUTION 8636

By Senators Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Morton, Prentice, Franklin, Haugen, Kline, Swecker, Brown, Benton, Roach, Zarelli, McCaslin, McAuliffe, Fairley, Stevens, and Hargrove

WHEREAS, Pat Durham remains highly appreciated and fondly remembered for her highly competent, energetic, and cheerful service in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate for 28 years, retiring in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Since retirement, Pat Durham has dedicated a significant portion of her energy and enthusiasm to the service work of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, becoming actively engaged in state, national, and international levels of this distinguished service organization; and

WHEREAS, Pat Durham is highly honored by having been elected the Grand Madam President of the international Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which has chapters across the United States and Canada, and exemplifies the spirit of pioneering women who led the suffragist efforts to advance opportunities for women's participation in civic leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international nonprofit organization, united in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness, and hope; and

WHEREAS, Pat Durham joined Olympia Auxiliary #21 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in 1975 and, in her new role as Grand Madam President of the international Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, plans to increase membership and the number of auxiliaries throughout the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Pat Durham's leadership skills and commitment to public and community service are well known to the legislative community, particularly in the state Senate where she served for more than a decade as docket clerk and bill status clerk, performing those highly complex, critical tasks with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Since her retirement from state service in 1997, Pat Durham has brought that same skill and dedication to her involvement in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and its many positive contributions to our community, state, and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize, honor, and express its appreciation and pride to Pat Durham for her dedicated leadership and service as Grand Madam President of the international Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Pat Durham, Grand Madam President of the international Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and to the international headquarters and state headquarters of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8636, adopted by the Senate March 4, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate