SENATE RESOLUTION 8610

By Senators Hewitt, Brown, Eide, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Fraser, Pridemore, Delvin, Parlette, Schoesler, Swecker, Morton, Honeyford, Hill, Benton, Pflug, Stevens, Sheldon, Carrell, Baumgartner, Fain, McAuliffe, and Becker

WHEREAS, We are here today to celebrate a long career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Valoria Loveland began her career in the Franklin County Treasurer's Office, eventually serving as the treasurer for ten years; and

WHEREAS, From 1993 to 2001, Valoria Loveland served as a State Senator from the 16th legislative district, which includes Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin counties. While in the Senate, Senator Loveland served as chair of the Senate Ways & Means Committee and vice chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Valoria Loveland was appointed by Governor Gary Locke as the director of the Department of Agriculture. As the director of the Department of Agriculture, Valoria Loveland oversaw an agency responsible for animal health, water quality, plant inspections, food safety, fruit and grain inspection and certification, and marketing the state's agricultural products regionally and internationally. Valoria Loveland was reappointed as the director by Governor Christine Gregoire in April 2005 and served until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Valoria Loveland has also served as chair of the Public Disclosure Commission and as a member of the Nuclear Waste Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Valoria Loveland to the Washington Lottery Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and celebrate the long service of Valoria Loveland, especially noting her contribution to the Washington State agriculture industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Valoria Loveland in time for her presentation of the Visionary Award at the Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame event in Pasco, Washington on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8610, adopted by the Senate January 20, 2011

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate