

SENATE RESOLUTION

8667

By Senators Schoesler and Fraser

1 WHEREAS, The Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education
2 Foundation, incorporated in 1977, established and administers a
3 leadership-development program for Washington's agriculture,
4 forestry, and fishing industries; and

5 WHEREAS, Participants in the AgForestry Leadership Program embark
6 on a challenging two-year track that blends a dozen in-state seminars
7 with study and travel at the national and international levels, with
8 the goal of producing strong, able, informed leaders who not only
9 excel in their chosen professions but also possess critical
10 communication, public policy, and collaboration skills; and

11 WHEREAS, David Roseleip, a Montana native and Montana State
12 University graduate from a longtime farming family, was working for
13 Farm Credit Banks in Spokane when, in 1978, he was selected as one of
14 the 30 participants in AgForestry Leadership Class 1, which graduated
15 in 1980; and

16 WHEREAS, Dave Roseleip became the third president of the
17 AgForestry Foundation in 1984 and served in that capacity for the
18 next 30 years, during which time he also took on the duties of
19 program director beginning with Leadership Class 6; and

20 WHEREAS, Dave Roseleip has overseen the recruitment and selection
21 of Leadership Classes 7 through 37, presided over the graduation of
22 31 of the 35 AgForestry leadership classes, and seen the foundation
23 grow to receive annual support from more than 750 paid members; and

1 WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, Dave Roseleip, along with other
2 graduates, helped form what is now known as the Alumni Council
3 for the AgForestry Leadership Program, which provides networking
4 and continuing-education opportunities to the more than 1,000
5 AgForestry graduates; and

6 WHEREAS, His passion and dedication for the development of
7 effective leaders led Dave Roseleip to co-found, in 1986, the
8 International Association of Programs for Agricultural
9 Leadership, an international consortium of agriculture,
10 forestry, and rural leadership programs in the United States and
11 countries abroad; and

12 WHEREAS, Dave Roseleip has generously shared his deep well
13 of knowledge by also serving on the boards of Farming and the
14 Environment, Pacific Northwest Farm Forum, Washington
15 Biodiversity Council, and the Washington Agriculture Council;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Dave Roseleip will retire from AgForestry effective
18 June 30, 2015, yet he will remain active by raising funds for
19 the foundation's endowment fund, all while spending time with
20 his wife Jan, their five children, and many grandchildren;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
22 Senate congratulate David Roseleip on an entire career spent
23 training two generations of leaders, who include past and
24 present state senators and representatives, city and county
25 commissioners, small and large-acreage producers, farmers,
26 ranchers, and proprietors; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
28 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to David
29 Roseleip and to the AgForestry Foundation.

30 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
31 do hereby certify that this is a true and
32 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8667,
33 adopted by the Senate
34 April 17, 2015

35 HUNTER G. GOODMAN

1 Secretary of the Senate