

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Fain

1 WHEREAS, In 1962, Joe Duffie enlisted in the United States Army
2 in Seattle, Washington; he later completed advanced infantry training
3 in Fort Ord, California, where he was commended as most distinguished
4 trainee of his Company; and then went on to the Airborne Course at
5 Fort Bennett, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe went overseas to serve in Korea, where he departed
7 with the rank of Squad Leader; and

8 WHEREAS, Following discharge, Joe enlisted in the Washington Army
9 National Guard where he served for 31 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe first moved to Tukwila in 1967 and has lived in his
11 current home since 1969; and

12 WHEREAS, In the Fall of 1981, Joe was elected to the Tukwila City
13 Council and has been reelected with strong public support to 9 terms
14 in office; and

15 WHEREAS, Joe got involved in public service to improve the
16 quality of life in Tukwila neighborhoods and to improve transparency
17 and accountability in government; and

18 WHEREAS, Joe continued his commitment to transparency by
19 initiating the "Council Chat" program, which allows residents an
20 opportunity to speak informally with individual Councilmembers; and

21 WHEREAS, Joe led the City of Tukwila toward being a community
22 focused on diversity and inclusion with a school district that has
23 been touted as the single most diverse in the country; and

1 WHEREAS, There has never been a stronger advocate for Tukwila's
2 youth than Joe, and his work in the district has led to every student
3 for generations knowing him by name; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe continues to lead a weekly running program for kids
5 at Tukwila Elementary and Campbell Hill Elementary schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe has a passion for hunting, fishing, and restoring
7 classic cars; and

8 WHEREAS, Joe and his wife, Jacquelyn, raised their three
9 children: Jacquelyn, Renae, and Kerwin in Tukwila; and

10 WHEREAS, Upon Joe's retirement the Tukwila City Council will lose
11 a strong voice for progress that has served the citizens of Tukwila
12 for over 35 years;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
14 recognize Joe Duffie for his many years of dedicated public service
15 to the City of Tukwila, the State of Washington, and the United
16 States of America.

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