SENATE RESOLUTION

8634

By Senators Liias and Palumbo

WHEREAS, Jerry Smith will always be remembered as a great statesman and an inspirational civic leader who cared deeply about his community; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Smith was Mountlake Terrace's longest tenured Mayor in the city's history; and

WHEREAS, When the people of South Snohomish County were upset that the Sound Transit light rail was going to end at Northgate, it was Jerry who fought to make sure the light rail would extend to Mountlake Terrace; and

WHEREAS, It was Jerry's tireless efforts that led to the passing of the proposal for the creation of a new civic campus in Mountlake Terrace; and

WHEREAS, Jerry traveled to Olympia and Washington, D.C. on many occasions to work with the state and federal delegations and this work resulted in over $20 million in funding to Mountlake Terrace; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Smith was a veteran of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Jerry worked for the Seattle Police Department for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Smith proved to be "a very generous man with a heart of gold" who often helped his community on a personal level; and

WHEREAS, Jerry and his wife of 56 years, Judi, founded Tour de Terrace in 1993, a Seafair-sanctioned summer festival for Mountlake Terrace and neighboring communities, to help establish community pride and celebrate the city's 40th anniversary in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Jerry, Judi, and the Tour de Terrace volunteers began the Tree Lighting Ceremony and continue to serve cookies, cocoa, and coffee to this day; and

WHEREAS, Known for his service to the young and the old, Jerry was MTYAA Youth Soccer President for 25 years and one of the founding members of the Mountlake Terrace Seniors Group; and

WHEREAS, Jerry was a true community booster and a generous man who would go out of his way to help a neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Jerry would help his community by assisting in the building of decks, garages, and general improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize Jerry Smith and all of the accomplishments he achieved during his life. Jerry was a man who aimed to better his community and loved to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the family of Jerry Smith, to Mayor Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, and to the City Council of Mountlake Terrace.

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,

do hereby certify that this is a true and

correct copy of Senate Resolution 8634,

adopted by the Senate

March 28, 2019

BRAD HENDRICKSON

Secretary of the Senate