
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8402

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By Senators Hunt, Wellman, Kuderer, Rolfes, Keiser, Conway, Hasegawa, Randall, and C. Wilson

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1 WHEREAS, Representative Jennifer Belcher served Washington
2 State's 22nd Legislative District from 1983 to 1992, serving on ten
3 House Committees over the course of her tenure; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Belcher served her full tenure on the
5 Natural Resources Committee, serving as Chair to the committee from
6 1989 to 1992 and chaired the State Government Committee in 1985-86;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Belcher's legislative work established
9 subsidized childcare for state workers; and

10 WHEREAS, She was one of six female state representatives dubbed
11 the "Steel Magnolias" who led a successful effort to transform land-
12 use regulation by crafting the Growth Management Act; and

13 WHEREAS, Commissioner Jennifer Belcher was the first woman to be
14 elected Washington State's Commissioner of Public Lands, where she
15 was known for her fearless leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, Commissioner Belcher attained a 50-year habitat
17 conservation plan for management of state forestlands, turning the
18 state's premier land management agency toward conservation; and

19 WHEREAS, Jennifer Belcher left one great legacy of breaking the
20 glass ceiling and helping a lot of younger women break that glass
21 ceiling; and

22 WHEREAS, The Legislature is authorized to approve names for
23 certain state facilities based on recommendations from the State

1 Capitol Committee and the Department of Enterprise Services, with the
2 advice of the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee and subject to
3 specific criteria;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
5 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the state
6 office building at 1111 Washington Street SE known as the "Natural
7 Resources Building" be renamed the "Jennifer Belcher Building"; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
9 forwarded to the family of Jennifer Belcher; the Honorable Jay
10 Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington; and Tara Smith, Director
11 of the Department of Enterprise Services.

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