

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Schoesler

1 WHEREAS, Stephen Roy Lindstrom was born in Pendleton, Oregon, on
2 May 20, 1946; and

3 WHEREAS, Stephen grew up in Ione, Oregon, becoming the fourth
4 generation of Swedish homesteaders; and

5 WHEREAS, He started his schooling career attending schools
6 throughout Ione, Oregon; and

7 WHEREAS, Stephen had always been an overachiever, participating
8 in sports, student government, music, and community affairs while in
9 high school; and

10 WHEREAS, Of course he graduated from high school with honors; and

11 WHEREAS, Stephen started college at Pacific Lutheran University
12 and ultimately graduated from Eastern Oregon College; and

13 WHEREAS, After college, Stephen enlisted in the U.S. Navy
14 Seabees; and

15 WHEREAS, He served several tours of duty in Vietnam and
16 Antarctica; and

17 WHEREAS, During his military service Stephen was awarded many
18 honors and medals for his service, most notably the Navy Achievement
19 Medal for Community Service; and

20 WHEREAS, After his service he worked as the manager of the Port
21 of Marrow; and

1 WHEREAS, Stephen's start in politics came when he worked as the
2 Vice President of Pacific Northwest Waterways, where he was an
3 advocate for trade and economic development of the Northwest; and

4 WHEREAS, To continue in politics, Stephen worked as a contract
5 lobbyist and lobbied in Olympia for over 40 years; and

6 WHEREAS, During this 40 years, Stephen lobbied for many different
7 clients, ranging from transportation to health care, higher
8 education, special districts, business associations, and more; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the 40 years, he collected many obscure trivia
10 facts, so he always had a "Did you know..." for everything; and

11 WHEREAS, Stephen was selected as a contract lobbyist in 1991 to
12 help the Washington Student Lobby; and

13 WHEREAS, Stephen was hired by Brendan Williams, who still to this
14 day does not regret the decision, stating, "Steve was a character,
15 one-of-a-kind. I never regretted choosing him for that special role,"
16 and Stephen mentored dozens of lobbyists in his four-decade career;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Stephen also created the Wednesday Night Study Group, a
19 group of health care professionals, advocates, regulators, and
20 legislators, which he was passionate about and even scouted out the
21 venues, and chose the food, drink, and guests for years and years,
22 making sure that the group's week was up to his own epic sense of
23 standards; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the years, Stephen collected many pieces of
25 historical art, as he was committed to historical preservation; and

26 WHEREAS, Stephen served on the Washington State Capital
27 Facilities Committee, serving the State Capitol and the State of
28 Washington with a commitment to art and historic preservation; and

29 WHEREAS, Stephen truly was a man who believed one should live a
30 life of showing kindness to all and enhancing the lives of those you
31 meet;

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of
33 Washington recognize and commemorate Stephen Roy Lindstrom on his
34 outstanding service and consideration to everyone.

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