SENATE RESOLUTION 1992-8726

By Senators Wojahn and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, The Senate finds and declares that the fall of the Iron Curtain has touched lives throughout the world as well as in Eastern Europe; and

WHEREAS, The demise of Communism brought with it new found academic freedom for many oppressed people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z.J. Vozenilek, a native of Czechoslovakia, and resident of the 27th Legislative District was one whose life was affected by the change of government in the land of his birth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vozenilek's role as a young student activist forced him to flee from Prague in 1948 and finish his medical studies in Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vozenilek became an American citizen in 1953 after joining the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, The change of government in Czechoslovakia provided an opportunity for Dr. Vozenilek to return to Charles the Fourth University in Prague; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vozenilek was awarded an honorary doctorate from the prestigious university in recognition of his past and present activities in Czechoslovakia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the President and members of the Washington State Senate do hereby recognize the achievements of Dr. Vozenilek and extend heartfelt congratulations for his courage and dedication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Z.J. Vozenilek.

I, Gordon A. Golob, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1992-8726, adopted by the Senate March 9, 1992.

GORDON A. GOLOB Secretary of the Senate