SENATE RESOLUTION 1992-8750

By Senators von Reichbauer, Rasmussen, Conner, Bailey, Thorsness, Barr, Metcalf, Roach, Nelson, Erwin and Stratton

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives Committee on Ethics recently completed a report on the numerous bad checks written over the last 39 months by members of that House; and

WHEREAS, The committee report, which is still being held from the public pending a vote of the full House of Representatives, discloses the names of only the 24 worst cases of financial abuse - those who wrote between 81 and 996 bad checks during the period investigated; and

WHEREAS, The full House of Representatives may vote against making public the names of these congressional members, who are entrusted with immense power over our national policies on the regulation of savings and loans, securities brokers, and banks yet cannot or will not balance their own checkbooks; and

WHEREAS, Even if the full House of Representatives votes in favor of disclosing the names in the committee report, such a vote will not make public the names of the remaining members, many of whom wrote at least 45 bad checks during the period investigated; and

WHEREAS, The public deserves to know the names of their United States Representatives who manifest an inability or unwillingness to show fiscal responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington hereby makes known its disapproval of the actions of the United States Representatives whom the Committee on Ethics has found to have written an inordinate number of bad checks during the period under investigation and requests that the full House of Representatives require the disclosure of not only the names of the members identified in the committee report but also the names of all of the members who have been found to have written bad checks during the investigation period, so that the public can decide for itself the extent of the abuses and the seriousness of these violations of the public trust; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to each of the State of Washington's congressional delegation.

I, Gordon A. Golob, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1992-8750, adopted by the Senate March 12, 1992. GORDON A. GOLOB Secretary of the Senate