SENATE RESOLUTION 8679

By Senators Brandland, Thibaudeau, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Roach, Zarelli, Johnson, Spanel and Fraser

WHEREAS, The security staff of the Washington State Senate performs a very important job in protecting Senators, staffers, interns, pages, and guests to our Capitol campus; and

WHEREAS, The outstanding work performed by the Senate security staff has long been

appreciated by the Senators as well as those who work in or visit the Senate; and

WHEREAS, That appreciation was increased considerably following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the subsequent increase in national security efforts that has filtered down to the state level; and

WHEREAS, During this period of heightened national and state security concerns, the Senate security staff has done a superb job of meeting challenges relating to these greater concerns, allowing members and staff to feel safe, secure, and comfortable; and

WHEREAS, The Senate security staff has also handled the additional and unique challenge of protecting members and staff while the Senate chamber and caucus rooms are temporarily located in the Joel Pritchard Building due to the renovation of the Legislative Building; and

WHEREAS, Our security staff is looked upon by members and staff as trusted and valued members of the Senate family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Senate Sergeant at Arms Denny Lewis and every member of the Senate security staff for their outstanding work in making the Senate a safe place to do the people's business.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8679, adopted by the Senate April 26, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR. Secretary of the Senate