

SENATE RESOLUTION  
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By Senator Kline

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd Standifer is a true father of jazz and has been a performer and contributor to this true American art form for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, He has been a prominent and renowned jazz musician since leaving his studies in physics at the University of Washington in 1946 to further his studies in music, and became one of the favorite and most respected jazz musicians in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, He mastered several instruments, including trumpet, flugelhorn, and saxophone, and the vocalization of bebop and jazz favorites and is well known as a true father of jazz; his creative expressions were a testimony to his values for peace and tranquility; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Standifer has kept jazz alive in the Pacific Northwest region through his 20-year stint at the New Orleans Jazz Club in Pioneer Square, an area where many musicians including Quincy Jones, Ray Charles, and Jimi Hendrix performed in their beginning years as musicians; and

WHEREAS, Along with performing jazz, he taught at Cornish College of the Arts, the University of Washington, Olympic College in Bremerton, and the Northwest School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Standifer has given his talents freely to perform many benefits to enrich the lives of those less fortunate including the Have a Heart Help A Child Benefit for First Place, a school for homeless children, and has been a mentor to young and emerging musicians; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Standifer was born in North Carolina, raised in Portland and Gresham, Oregon and moved to Seattle and attended the University of Washington as a physics student; and

WHEREAS, In his passing, the state of Washington has lost a great legend and a respected resident of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington, on behalf of the residents of the state of Washington, honor Floyd Standifer's life as a jazz musician, educator, father, and friend; he will be missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the family and friends of Floyd Standifer.