

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8740

By Senators Haugen, Fraser, and Spanel

WHEREAS, Utsalady Ladies Aid was formed in 1908 by the women of a small community on Camano Island who were concerned about the religious education for their young people; and

WHEREAS, The notes of the non-denominational religious education the women received were written originally in Norwegian, the native language of many of the members; and

WHEREAS, The women of Utsalady Ladies Aid used money raised through lutefisk dinners and quilt raffles to construct a building to serve the community, which is now listed on the Washington State Register and the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, The Utsalady Ladies Aid building was built upon dedicated community collaboration and the skill of local artisans; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Aid made their building available to local school functions, picnics, Sunday school, 4-H classes, campfire groups, funerals, weddings, voting booths, and community parties; and

WHEREAS, During World War II the Utsalady building was a first-aid station for the Red Cross where women wrapped bandages for war veterans and a community base for scrap drives; and

WHEREAS, Utsalady Ladies Aid continues to be the heart of the community by serving as a local meeting place, a place for women to have fellowship and by reaching out to youth through scholarships for young people in the community who wish to pursue continued education; and

WHEREAS, Utsalady Ladies Aid is the second longest running group in Island County and continues to be the center of the small community; and

WHEREAS, The founders of Utsalady Ladies Aid strove to instill the pioneer spirit into their future generations by preserving the past for the future and passing down traditions from their ancestors to the youngest members of the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the Utsalady Ladies Aid for serving the community for 100 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the board of directors and members of the Utsalady Ladies Aid.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8740,  
adopted by the Senate  
March 6, 2008

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate