SENATE RESOLUTION 8649

By Senators Swecker, Haugen, Holmquist, Kohl-Welles, Franklin, and Fraser

WHEREAS, There are more than 700,000 veterans residing in the state of Washington; and WHEREAS, 18 percent of the veterans who sought jobs within one to three years of discharge are unemployed; and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington has made promises in relation to employment for veterans' and their family's sacrifices that they have made in defense to our country and our state; and

WHEREAS, The laws of the state of Washington have long granted recognition of a veteran's sacrifices by providing preferred employment opportunities for veterans regardless of physical impairment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on this day, April 16, 2009, the Washington State Senate reaffirms its dedication to the preferred employment opportunities promised to veterans in 1895; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Disabled American Veterans of Washington.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8649, adopted by the Senate April 16, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate