

SENATE RESOLUTION
8602

By Senators Parlette, Fraser, Bailey, Warnick, Honeyford, Hargrove, Angel, Braun, Litzow, Rivers, King, Cleveland, Darneille, Conway, Habib, Sheldon, Hill, Brown, Becker, O'Ban, McAuliffe, Chase, Hatfield, McCoy, Rolfes, Nelson, Mullet, Frockt, Jayapal, Keiser, Lias, Pedersen, Billig, Hobbs, Schoesler, Hasegawa, Pearson, Dammeier, Fain, Ranker, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, Roach, and Miloscia

1 WHEREAS, Daniel J. Evans, whose great-grandfather settled in Port
2 Gamble, Kitsap County, in 1859, summited his first peak at the age of
3 12, and that climb of Silver Peak near Snoqualmie Pass made an
4 indelible impression on the young Boy Scout from Seattle; and

5 WHEREAS, Dan Evans earned the rank of Eagle Scout and graduated
6 from Roosevelt High School in 1943 before serving in the United
7 States Navy from that year to 1946, achieving the rank of ensign,
8 then earned bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from
9 the University of Washington; and

10 WHEREAS, Dan Evans returned to the Navy as a lieutenant when the
11 Korean War began in 1951, eventually serving as an admiral's aide at
12 the peace negotiations at Panmunjom, where the cease-fire between the
13 Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea was
14 signed in 1953; and

15 WHEREAS, On November 6, 1956, voters in the 43rd Legislative
16 District elected the then 31 year old Dan Evans to represent them in
17 the Washington State House of Representatives; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Evans, whose maternal grandfather
19 represented Spokane in the Washington State Senate in 1893, was named
20 the outstanding freshman legislator of 1957, and went on to be
21 reelected three more times to the House of Representatives; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Evans became House Minority Leader after
23 four years as a legislator, and participated in the creation of a
24 coalition of members of both parties that installed new leadership in
25 the House of Representatives during the 1963 legislative session; and

26 WHEREAS, On November 3, 1964, the people of Washington elected
27 Representative Evans to be the 16th governor of Washington; making
28 him the youngest governor in state history, at age 39, and making his
29 wife, Nancy Bell Evans, a native of Spokane, the youngest first lady
30 at age 31; and

31 WHEREAS, During his unprecedented three consecutive terms as the
32 state's chief executive, Governor Dan Evans founded the first state-
33 level ecology department in the United States, providing a blueprint

1 for President Nixon's Environmental Protection Agency; and
2 cofounded the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition; and

3 WHEREAS, Governor Evans directed the creation of councils
4 advancing the status of women and addressing issues relating to
5 Native Americans and Asian-Americans, energy policy, thermal
6 power plant siting, mental health services, and the prevention
7 of drug abuse; and

8 WHEREAS, It was Governor Evans who directed the creation of
9 the office of community development, and the council on higher
10 education, and championed the creation of the state's community
11 college system; and

12 WHEREAS, Governor Evans signed legislation making special
13 education mandatory in Washington, and promoted the employment
14 of people with disabilities, encouraging the removal of barriers
15 to mobility; and

16 WHEREAS, Governor Evans became President Evans after his
17 third term as governor, when in 1977 he became president of The
18 Evergreen State College in Olympia; and

19 WHEREAS, President Evans became United States Senator Evans
20 in 1983 when he was appointed and then elected senator; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Evans' accomplishments included the 1984
22 Washington Wilderness Act, which established 19 new wilderness
23 areas, the Washington Park Wilderness Act of 1988, which created
24 wilderness areas within Mount Rainier and Olympic and North
25 Cascades National Parks, and extended protection to a favorite
26 alpine lake in the Olympic Mountains called Lake of the Angels;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, After leaving public office in 1988, he remained
29 active in our state's public and private sectors, including 12
30 years as a regent for his alma mater, the University of
31 Washington; and

32 WHEREAS, His contributions to the people of Washington
33 continue to this day, through his service as a long time member
34 of the advisory board for the William D. Ruckelshaus Center; and

35 WHEREAS, First Lady Nancy Bell Evans also distinguished
36 herself through her major public service contributions,
37 including serving on the Board of Trustees of her alma mater
38 Whitman College, and her leadership in achieving a major
39 restoration of the Governor's Mansion and creation of the
40 Governor's Mansion Foundation, which continues to care for and
41 add to the historical resources of the Mansion; and

42 WHEREAS, Dan Evans has been recognized by the University of
43 Washington, which named its School of Public Affairs for him,
44 where the governor and Nancy serve on the advisory board; and

45 WHEREAS, Dan Evans has been recognized by The Evergreen
46 State College, which named its library for him; and

47 WHEREAS, A man once referred to as "Old Gluefoot" for his
48 ability to avoid mingling in a roomful of people is described
49 today as "a master at uniting the uncommon"; and

50 WHEREAS, As governor, Dan Evans earned the nickname
51 "Straight Arrow" for his honesty, and was later recognized by
52 the University of Michigan as one of the Ten Outstanding
53 Governors in the 20th Century; and

54 WHEREAS, Dan Evans, who once said he "would rather cross the
55 aisle than cross the people," is one of the most popular and
56 respected public servants in Washington history;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in commemoration of the
2 50th anniversary of Dan Evans' inaugural installation as
3 Governor, the Washington State Senate congratulate Senator and
4 Governor Dan Evans for his service to the people of Washington
5 and to the United States of America; and
6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
7 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
8 Honorable Daniel J. Evans, in recognition and appreciation of
9 his commitment to the people of Washington and the great state
10 in which they live.

11 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
12 do hereby certify that this is a true and
13 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8602,
14 adopted by the Senate
15 January 14, 2015

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17 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
18 Secretary of the Senate