

SENATE RESOLUTION

8735

By Senators Dammeier, Becker, O'Ban, Conway, Darneille, and Keiser

1 WHEREAS, Bob Neilson was a beloved resident of Puyallup since  
2 1977, using every opportunity to connect with his neighbors next  
3 door, in the surrounding communities, and across the county; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Neilson was blessed with a wonderful marriage to his  
5 wife, Hope, who stood by him through his service around the world and  
6 all of his efforts reaching out to his community; despite countless  
7 hours spent away from home, both when he was wearing his Army uniform  
8 and when he coordinated support for local high school students, Hope  
9 was incredibly supportive of his service; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Neilson traveled the world in service to our country  
11 as an officer in the United States Army during a time when our  
12 country was deeply engaged in the Cold War; his leadership was  
13 invaluable and his sacrifice of service deeply appreciated; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Neilson had a strong and deep faith, and lived James  
15 2:17 by showing his faith in action—he spearheaded his church's men's  
16 breakfast and was always reaching out to care for others in need; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Neilson actively reached out to our youth, investing  
18 in the next generation of community leaders and linking the students  
19 of Puyallup School District with the world around them by bringing a  
20 variety of speakers into schools to share their experiences;  
21 additionally, he connected students with the community through a  
22 variety of service opportunities, promoting the importance of civic  
23 responsibility; and

1       WHEREAS, Mr. Neilson believed passionately in civic  
2 engagement and our responsibility as citizens for our  
3 government: He actively participated in local grassroots  
4 politics, including visiting more than 30,000 homes on behalf of  
5 candidates who reflected his priorities and vision for our state  
6 and country, and loved talking with folks on their doorsteps  
7 about the important issues facing our society; and

8       WHEREAS, Mr. Neilson made a lasting impact on all who met  
9 him, especially in the community of Puyallup; he leaves a  
10 tremendous void that cannot be filled, representing the best  
11 that we can hope for as a servant leader and serving as a great  
12 reminder that we are blessed to have committed citizens such as  
13 Bob within our communities;

14       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
15 Senate honor and cherish the life of Bob Neilson.

16 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
17 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
18 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8735,  
19 adopted by the Senate  
20 March 9, 2016

21 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
22 Secretary of the Senate