

SENATE RESOLUTION

8623

By Senators Rolfes, Frockt, Ranker, Brown, Hasegawa, Conway, Darneille, Billig, Bailey, Becker, Warnick, Fain, Miloscia, Walsh, Angel, Baumgartner, Braun, Carlyle, Chase, Cleveland, Ericksen, Fortunato, Hawkins, Hobbs, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liiias, McCoy, Mullet, Nelson, O'Ban, Padden, Palumbo, Pearson, Pedersen, Rivers, Rossi, Saldaña, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Takko, Van De Wege, Wellman, Wilson, and Zeiger

1           WHEREAS, Gina Grant Bull was a devoted public servant whose  
2 dynamic spirit and positive outlook stretched across party lines, and  
3 she was a steadfast advocate for youth from all economic backgrounds;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Gina lived a life of public service that culminated in  
6 her being appointed to her dream job as a page director for the House  
7 of Representatives; and

8           WHEREAS, This love for serving the community began in her  
9 hometown Walla Walla, where she worked on her family farm with her  
10 father, the late Representative Bill Grant; and

11           WHEREAS, Gina Grant Bull attended Washington State University in  
12 Pullman where she met Oak Harbor native Ron Bull, and they both  
13 returned to his hometown in 1991 and she quickly became a pillar of  
14 that community; and

15           WHEREAS, Gina Grant Bull made a profound impact on the youth of  
16 Oak Harbor through leading their middle school associated student  
17 body program and coaching Oak Harbor High School's track and field  
18 team; and

19           WHEREAS, Gina Grant Bull carried her passion for helping people  
20 to the Legislature in Olympia, where she worked as a caseworker, a  
21 Legislative Assistant for Senator Mary Margaret Haugen and  
22 Representative Chris Strow, a staff member in the Democratic caucus,  
23 and, most recently, as the House page supervisor; and

1           WHEREAS, Gina Grant Bull gave herself wholeheartedly to  
2 mentorship and achieved impressive results, yet she maintained a  
3 humble attitude towards it all, brushing off her work as  
4 ordinary; and

5           WHEREAS, Gina Grant Bull knew the name of every page on  
6 campus and made strong connections with many; and

7           WHEREAS, Upon landing her dream job, Gina Grant Bull  
8 formulated a detailed plan to strengthen the page program, her  
9 goal being to empower students from all walks of life to realize  
10 that the citizen legislature is their legislature, no matter  
11 their economic background; and

12           WHEREAS, Gina Grant Bull envisioned a page program with  
13 youth from all backgrounds, advocated for a scholarship fund to  
14 help make this happen, and inspired legislation to that effect;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Gina Grant Bull had the ability to inspire many  
17 around her and spent her entire life making the world a brighter  
18 and happier place;

19           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
20 Senate honor Gina Grant Bull and the impact she had on the  
21 youth, the legislature, and the people of her beloved home  
22 state; and now let her memory inspire us to carry on her spirit.

23 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8623,  
26 adopted by the Senate  
27 February 22, 2017

28 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
29 Secretary of the Senate