

SENATE RESOLUTION

8634

By Senator Van De Wege

1 WHEREAS, Nine years ago, at the age of 26, Ian Mackay injured his  
2 spinal cord while riding his bicycle home from college and was  
3 ventilator dependent for a full year; and

4 WHEREAS, Ian relocated to Port Angeles to adjust to life as a C2  
5 quadriplegic with the support of his family; and

6 WHEREAS, Ian thrives in the outdoors where today he birdwatches  
7 and regularly travels the Olympic Discovery Trail; and

8 WHEREAS, Ian found that there were a limited number of nature  
9 trails accessible to wheelchair users; so, in 2016, Ian rode his  
10 wheelchair from Port Angeles to Portland, Oregon to raise awareness  
11 of the need for more wheelchair accessible trails; and

12 WHEREAS, Ian has launched and runs numerous support groups on the  
13 Olympic Peninsula; and

14 WHEREAS, Washington Bikes named Ian Mackay its "Person of the  
15 Year" in recognition of his accomplishments and work on behalf of  
16 others;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
18 honor Ian Mackay's resilience; tenacity; and embrace of life, which  
19 includes a love of stout beers, as he continues to steep himself in  
20 the magnificent outdoor amenities of the Pacific Northwest and  
21 advocate on behalf of others; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
23 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Ian Mackay,

1 to Washington Bikes, to Governor Jay Inslee, to United States  
2 Senator Patty Murray, to United States Senator Maria Cantwell,  
3 and to United States Representative Derek Kilmer.

4 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
5 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
6 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8634,  
7 adopted by the Senate  
8 March 20, 2017

9 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
10 Secretary of the Senate