

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Baumgartner, Kuderer, Fortunato, Sheldon, Bailey, Zeiger, O'Ban, Honeyford, Wagoner, Warnick, Conway, Frockt, Padden, Braun, Wellman, Angel, Wilson, Miloscia, Becker, Schoesler, Brown, and Short

1 WHEREAS, Senator Thomas Slade Gorton was born on January 8, 1928,
2 in Chicago, Illinois; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Gorton served in the United States Air Force
4 from 1953 until 1956, continuing to serve in the Air Force Reserves
5 until 1980 when he retired as a Colonel; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Gorton came to Washington and began practicing
7 law in 1956 in Seattle; and

8 WHEREAS, Republican Senator Gorton served in the Washington State
9 House of Representatives from 1959-1969, as Washington State Attorney
10 General from 1969-1981, and as a United States Senator from 1981-1987
11 and 1989-2001; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Gorton saved Seattle baseball three separate
13 times, ensuring long term home team ownership of the Seattle
14 Mariners; and

15 WHEREAS, Following the September 11th 2001 terrorist attacks,
16 Senator Gorton was appointed to the National Commission on Terrorist
17 Attacks Upon the United States and made important contributions to
18 national security through his work as a 9/11 commissioner in 2003 and
19 2004; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Gorton was appointed as a member of the 2011
21 Washington State Redistricting Commission, which helped shape the
22 current political landscape of our state; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Gorton continues to mentor and inspire elected
2 officials, civic leaders, and students, particularly through his work
3 with the Slade Gorton International Policy Center at the National
4 Bureau for Asian Research; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Gorton met Sally Clark when she was a journalist
6 at The Seattle Times in 1957, pursued a courtship that included
7 movies on Fridays, skiing on Sundays, and a wedding on June 28, 1958,
8 and raised a family of three children and seven grandchildren;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in celebration of his
10 ninetieth birthday, the Washington State Senate express its gratitude
11 to Senator Slade Gorton for his many services to our state and our
12 nation; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
14 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Gorton
15 family, in recognition and appreciation of Senator Gorton's
16 commitment to the great state of Washington.

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