

SENATE RESOLUTION

8646

By Senators Liiias, King, Rolfes, Wellman, Das, Saldaña, Randall, Short, Warnick, Becker, Walsh, Brown, Holy, and Wilson, L.

1 WHEREAS, Luis Fernando Esteban has distinguished himself during
2 the past twenty-five years as the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of
3 Spain in the state of Washington; and

4 WHEREAS, This silver anniversary represents a long and
5 distinguished record of important bilateral, educational, cultural,
6 historical, and economic development programs and projects that have
7 positively affected business development and the lives of
8 Washingtonians and the people of Spain; and

9 WHEREAS, Over 250,000 students have directly benefited from the
10 Spanish and bilingual language development, student and faculty
11 exchanges, and cultural projects and programs with Spain's leading
12 institutions; and

13 WHEREAS, Consul Luis Fernando Esteban has created an impressive
14 legacy of cultural, art, and educational development that includes
15 the implementation of the world famous Cervantes Institute at the
16 University of Washington, the University of Washington Center for
17 Spanish Studies, the University of Washington Leon Center, the
18 Central Washington University Game On! STEM program for migrant
19 farmworker students, a viticulture exchange program with Washington
20 State University, the Embassy of Spain's student ambassador program,
21 the Picasso and Miro Masters art exhibitions at Seattle and Tacoma
22 Art Museums, the construction of the historic Fort Nunez Gaona
23 monument on the Makah Reservation, the Seattle Sephardic Network, an

1 annual Casa Patas Flamenco state tour, and over 1,200
2 professional Spanish music and film events; and

3 WHEREAS, Consul Luis Fernando Esteban has also created a
4 sustainable diplomatic bridge by conducting thirty-two separate
5 legislative, educational, and business trade missions to Spain,
6 including most recently a 2018 mission led by Lieutenant
7 Governor Cyrus Habib that included a bipartisan delegation of
8 senators; and

9 WHEREAS, In his twenty-five years of service, Consul Luis
10 Fernando Esteban has facilitated significant Spanish business
11 investment in Washington state, forging relationships between
12 major Spanish companies and investors and over 45 companies in
13 every corner of Washington; and

14 WHEREAS, Consul Luis Fernando Esteban has presided over the
15 knighting of distinguished Washingtonians including the
16 Honorable Brad Owen, the Honorable Ralph Munro, Bill Gates Sr.,
17 Mimi Gates, Mike Bezos, Orlando Ayala, and Dr. Antonio Sanchez
18 by His Majesty the King of Spain; and

19 WHEREAS, Consul Luis Fernando Esteban and his consular
20 office have identified the historical and cultural roots of
21 Spain, which have been firmly established here since 1774,
22 representing our state's oldest European contact with Washington
23 state;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize
25 Honorary Consul Luis Fernando Esteban for twenty-five years of
26 faithful service to the people of Washington and the Kingdom of
27 Spain and celebrate his commitment to forging stronger bonds of
28 friendship between our people, governments, businesses, and
29 institutions; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
31 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to
32 Honorary Consul Luis Fernando Esteban, His Excellency Ambassador
33 Ramón Gil-Casares Satrústegui of the Kingdom of Spain, and His
34 Excellency Josep Borrell, the Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of
35 Spain.

36 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
37 do hereby certify that this is a true and

1 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8646,
2 adopted by the Senate
3 April 17, 2019

4 BRAD HENDRICKSON
5 Secretary of the Senate