

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Fortunato and Padden

1 WHEREAS, Washington State is home to a vibrant Liberian community
2 who contribute to the cultural, economic, and civic enrichment of the
3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Congress recently recognized the
5 invaluable relationship between these two great nations to reaffirm
6 our ties and support for democratic principles in Liberia; and

7 WHEREAS, The country of Liberia has maintained strong historical,
8 political, and economic ties to the United States for the past two
9 hundred years with nearly 80,000 people of Liberian descent calling
10 America home; and

11 WHEREAS, The Liberian people, although having faced significant
12 adversity throughout their history, have sought to maintain the
13 highest ideals of a free and democratic society; and

14 WHEREAS, Liberia celebrated its first peaceful transition of
15 power since 1944 in the 2017 election; and

16 WHEREAS, The Liberian people have worked tirelessly to build and
17 safeguard their liberty, rich history, and institutions; and

18 WHEREAS, The Liberian Association of Washington State was founded
19 to help enhance the socioeconomic and educational well-being of its
20 members, promote coexistence and cultural heritage among Liberians,
21 and address the needs of Liberians facing challenges at home; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States and its citizens have supported
2 investments in democratic institutions, education, health care, and
3 the general welfare of the Liberian people;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
5 recognize the importance of continuing a strong relationship with the
6 Liberian people, and between our governments; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate commend
8 the individuals and groups working on behalf of the Liberian
9 community to improve their lives, and the lives of their countrymen,
10 through a strong civil society and the rule of law.

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