SENATE RESOLUTION

8659

By Senator Lovick

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Sheriff Sergeant David Sorenson has provided 43 years of dedicated service to Snohomish County as a Reserve Officer for the Mountlake Terrace Police Department and as a Deputy for the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Sorenson founded the nonprofit Keep N Safe to help first responders and their family members cope with posttraumatic stress disorder and to reduce gun violence; and

WHEREAS, First responders, including police, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers, and corrections officers, frequently suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder and other mental health conditions because of their repeated exposures to tragedies in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Sorenson had the kindness and bravery to recognize the importance of first responders' mental health and to create resources to help; and

WHEREAS, The resources provided by Sergeant Sorenson and Keep N Safe help first responders cope with the grievous difficulties of their work and can prevent career-ending mental health struggles or suicide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and salute Sergeant Sorenson for both his career in Snohomish County law enforcement and his work in protecting first responders' mental health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Sergeant Sorenson.

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,

do hereby certify that this is a true and

correct copy of Senate Resolution 8659,

adopted by the Senate

January 23, 2024

SARAH BANNISTER

Secretary of the Senate