SENATE RESOLUTION

8667

By Senators Shewmake and Stanford

WHEREAS, The Washington state commercial fishing fleet will set off for the Pacific in May of 2024; and

WHEREAS, The blessing of the fleet will occur in Blaine Harbor on May 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The commercial and tribal fishing industries have, for generations, been vital for the prosperity of our state, and support the economic well-being of many Washington families; and

WHEREAS, The courage of fishers in the face of danger encountered on the seas deserves our admiration, appreciation, and respect; and

WHEREAS, The treacherous seas too often take the lives of the valiant souls who take on great risks for our benefit, and the grief of this loss is felt not only in their families and communities, but across our entire state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state Senate extend its condolences to the families and friends of all our fishers who have lost their lives at sea, wish the entire commercial fishing fleet a safe and prosperous season, and express its hope that all our fishers will return home safely to their families, friends, and communities.

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,

do hereby certify that this is a true and

correct copy of Senate Resolution 8667,

adopted by the Senate

February 15, 2024

SARAH BANNISTER

Secretary of the Senate