
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8408

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By Senators Schoesler, Cleveland, Hawkins, Keiser, Padden, Short, Torres, Warnick, J. Wilson, and L. Wilson

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1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Irving R. Newhouse served Washington
2 State's 15th Legislative District for 34 years, serving in the House
3 of Representatives from 1965 to 1980 and in the Senate from 1980 to
4 1998; and

5 WHEREAS, Due to his vast understanding of the political process
6 and parliamentary procedure, Senator Newhouse served as the Senate
7 Republican Floor Leader from 1988 to 1996 and the Senate President
8 Pro Tempore from 1996 until his retirement in 1998; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse was considered "one of the sharpest
10 minds in the Legislature and the best attorney in the Legislature,
11 even though he isn't one"; and

12 WHEREAS, Governors of both parties desired and respected his
13 perspective on potential legislation; and

14 WHEREAS, He was dedicated to agriculture and worked diligently on
15 his farm in Mabton growing hops, grapes, apples, cherries, and other
16 crops; and

17 WHEREAS, His dedication to the Legislature and his farm could
18 only be matched by his love and commitment to his wife, Ruth, and
19 their six children, one of whom is United States Congressman Dan
20 Newhouse representing the 4th Congressional District, and eighteen
21 grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse was honored with the naming of the
2 Senate office building located at 215 Sid Snyder Avenue Southwest
3 upon his retirement from the Legislature in 1998; and

4 WHEREAS, Pursuant to RCW 43.34.090, the Legislature approves
5 names for new or existing buildings based on recommendations from the
6 State Capitol Committee and the Department of Enterprise Services,
7 with the advice of the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee and
8 subject to specific criteria;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
10 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the new
11 office building replacing the old office building at 215 Sid Snyder
12 Avenue Southwest continue to be named the "Irving R. Newhouse
13 Building"; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Enterprise
15 Services place the name "Irving R. Newhouse Building" on the new
16 state office building located at 215 Sid Snyder Avenue Southwest; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
18 forwarded to the family of Irving R. Newhouse; the Honorable Jay
19 Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington; and Tara Smith, Director
20 of the Department of Enterprise Services.

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