

SENATE RESOLUTION

8680

By Senators Padden, Lovick, King, Short, Boehnke, Wagoner, Dozier, Warnick, Braun, Torres, L. Wilson, and Fortunato

1 WHEREAS, In Washington state we have no shortage of outstanding  
2 women leaders whose dedication and participation in our political  
3 process has brought us a brighter and more hopeful Washington; and

4 WHEREAS, Linda Smith was born in LaJunta, Colorado, in 1950 and  
5 moved with her family to White Salmon, Washington; and

6 WHEREAS She graduated from Fort Vancouver High School; and

7 WHEREAS, She and her husband owned and managed a group of tax  
8 preparation offices in southern Washington; and

9 WHEREAS, She was elected to the Washington state House of  
10 Representatives in a special election in 1983; and

11 WHEREAS, Linda was elected to the Washington State Senate in 1987  
12 giving her party the majority in the state senate where her work  
13 included sponsoring legislation promoting children, families, the  
14 elderly, and agriculture; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1992 and 1993 she was a successful proponent of  
16 Washington Initiative Measure No. 601 and Washington Initiative  
17 Measure No. 134; and

18 WHEREAS, I-601 successfully limited state expenditures by  
19 inflation rate and population growth for years and I-134 instituted  
20 regulations and accountability for political contributions and  
21 campaign expenditures; and

22 WHEREAS, She was sued over I-601 and she raised the money to  
23 defend it and won at the state Supreme Court; and

1           WHEREAS, She was known for getting things done because she  
2 would never bargain away principles when she got behind a cause;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, She was elected to the United States Congress in  
5 the general election of 1994 after perhaps the first successful  
6 congressional primary write-in campaign in United States  
7 history; and

8           WHEREAS, She represented Washington's 3rd Congressional  
9 District where she served for two terms leading on issues like  
10 her "Clean Up Congress Act" to implement campaign finance  
11 reform, she led a bipartisan effort to defeat the historic  
12 influence tobacco had in Congress, she ended the practice of  
13 congressional leaders passing out special interest PAC checks on  
14 the floor of Congress, pushing for a balanced budget amendment,  
15 bringing reason to the Endangered Species Act, she chaired the  
16 Small Business committee on small business taxation,  
17 relentlessly worked to lower taxes, worked to reduce regulations  
18 on small business owners, and was a leader on international  
19 human rights; and

20           WHEREAS, After serving in Congress, Linda started Shared  
21 Hope International, an organization that seeks to prevent child  
22 sex trafficking, restore worth and dignity to those caught in  
23 the child sex trade, and bring justice to victims and education  
24 and prevention tools to the public; and

25           WHEREAS, In 2001 she formed the War Against Trafficking  
26 Alliance, an organization to coordinate regional and  
27 international efforts to fight sex trafficking; and

28           WHEREAS, Linda is a published author on the scourge of sex  
29 trafficking; and

30           WHEREAS, Linda has been a tireless advocate for those with  
31 no voice, seeking prevention, justice, and restoration for  
32 families and communities affected by sex trafficking;

33           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
34 Senate recognize and honor Linda Smith's contributions in state  
35 and federal government for advocating for children and families,  
36 and her contributions to uplift and restore individuals and  
37 families caught in the vicious cycle of sex trafficking.

1 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
2 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
3 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8680,  
4 adopted by the Senate  
5 February 23, 2024

6 SARAH BANNISTER  
7 Secretary of the Senate