By Senator Honeyford

WHEREAS, The Goldendale Community Library marks its 100th year of service to its community this year; and

WHEREAS, The library is the oldest one in the district, and even before the library had a building to call its own, the staff of the library began providing services to the community in 1912 by hand-delivering crates of books to ranches and schools; and

WHEREAS, The Goldendale Women's Association spent two years acquiring the land and financial grants needed to construct the library building; and

WHEREAS, The library was given a Carnegie Grant in order to fund the building's construction; and

WHEREAS, The library serves the members of the Goldendale community, and approximately 80 percent of that community has a library card, with an average 50 new cards being issued each month; and

WHEREAS, Many programs are offered for the community, including a free Adult Literacy Program run by volunteers that helps adults develop important life skills; and

WHEREAS, The library offers many community services, such as allowing free use of the Camplan room to display artwork for local artists and to allow groups and organizations from the community to use as a meeting room; and

WHEREAS, The library also provides computers and wi-fi access to the public, offers oneon-one free classes for senior citizens on computer and internet usage, and offers over 210 different programs throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, The library had over 78,000 visitors last year, and in addition to these visitors, a bookmobile remains active and delivers books to 26 different communities around Goldendale three times a week; and

WHEREAS, A levy passed in 2010 gave the library funds to acquire new books and clear out outdated ones, and now the library contains over 30,000 books, videos, and audio cassettes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate thank the Goldendale Community Library for providing 100 years of service to the Goldendale community.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8682, adopted by the Senate February 16, 2012

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate