

SENATE RESOLUTION

8608

By Senators Salomon, Das, Hasegawa, Keiser, Kuderer, Lovelett, and Nobles

1           WHEREAS, Betty Peace-Gladstone, MS, Associate Professor of Early  
2 Childhood Education, Shoreline Community College, retired on December  
3 11, 2020, after completing outstanding and exemplary service to the  
4 college since 2001; and

5           WHEREAS, Betty Peace-Gladstone earned her Bachelor's and Master's  
6 of Science from Colorado State University where she studied Human  
7 Development and Family Studies, with additional studies in Child  
8 Development, Social Work, and Cultural Anthropology; and

9           WHEREAS, Betty Peace-Gladstone began her esteemed career in early  
10 childhood education, teaching, and advocacy in 1986 on the Blackfeet  
11 Reservation in Montana, where she held titles that included Child  
12 Care Center Director, Preschool Special Education Teacher, and Family  
13 Literacy Program Director; and

14           WHEREAS, Betty Peace-Gladstone then began her higher education  
15 teaching career at Shoreline Community College (SCC) in 2001, where  
16 as a Professor of Early Childhood Education she has made many lasting  
17 contributions to the field of early childhood education that centered  
18 on culturally inclusive classrooms, the principles of multicultural  
19 education, creating anti-bias curriculum, classrooms, and pedagogy;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Betty Peace-Gladstone provided excellent leadership and  
22 service to the SCC community by serving as a faculty advisor to  
23 various clubs, groups, and events that included the First Nations

1 Club, Assistant Dean of Education, and a leading voice in both  
2 local and statewide Early Childhood Education Committees, with a  
3 legacy of creating multicultural guidelines and standards in the  
4 field of early childhood education; and

5 WHEREAS, Betty Peace-Gladstone's nineteen years of  
6 distinguished service are a hallmark of exceptional commitment  
7 and dedication to the field of early childhood education, as she  
8 has guided hundreds of college students to careers in early  
9 childhood education, be it preschools, K-12, center directors,  
10 social services, and even elected officials; and

11 WHEREAS, Betty Peace-Gladstone's students share nothing but  
12 the highest regards for her unwavering support, as she created a  
13 safe space for all students and taught students to bring their  
14 authentic self to the classroom; creating generations of  
15 children that have benefited from her work;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
17 Senate express its appreciation to Betty Peace-Gladstone for her  
18 distinguished years of service as a Professor of Early Childhood  
19 Education and for her many years of service to the state of  
20 Washington, and also commend Betty Peace-Gladstone for her  
21 lifetime of accomplishments and her dedication to children,  
22 families, early childhood education, and the Shoreline Community  
23 College community; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate,  
25 along with family, friends, students, and colleagues, do hereby  
26 extend best wishes to Betty Peace-Gladstone as she enters her  
27 retirement.

28 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
29 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
30 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8608,  
31 adopted by the Senate  
32 March 15, 2021

33 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
34 Secretary of the Senate