

SENATE RESOLUTION

8614

By Senator Schoesler

1 WHEREAS, William "Bill" Wills was born June 12, 1932, in Log  
2 Lick, Kentucky, to Elmo and Eda Wills; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Wills joined the United States Air Force and was  
4 stationed at Radar Hill, near Othello, where he met the love of his  
5 life, Jeanette; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill and Jeanette married, settled in Lind and raised  
7 two sons, Joe and Bradley; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill and Jeanette Wills owned several businesses in  
9 Lind, including the Empire Café; and

10 WHEREAS, Bill Wills owned and operated a farm in the Lind area;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Wills served twice on the Lind City Council and  
13 also served three terms as an Adams County Commissioner and loved  
14 serving the people of Adams County; and

15 WHEREAS, Bill Wills was a charter member of the Lind Lions Club  
16 when it was formed in 1967, serving many years as the "Tail Twister"  
17 for the club; and

18 WHEREAS, Bill Wills served as the organizer for the community  
19 Easter egg hunt for many years, and also supervised the annual kite-  
20 flying contest for the Lind Lions Club; and

21 WHEREAS, Bill Wills was instrumental, after extensive research,  
22 in acquiring new flags for the local cemetery and seeing that they  
23 were properly displayed to honor his fellow veterans; and

1           WHEREAS, Bill Wills was the weekend public address announcer  
2 at the "World Famous Lind Combine Demolition Derby" from its  
3 inception in 1988 until 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic put an  
4 end to his consecutive year streak; and

5           WHEREAS, Bill Wills was known for driving his special "Jeep"  
6 that he drove on his ranch and at local parades; and

7           WHEREAS, Bill Wills was also active in the local food bank  
8 and senior center; and

9           WHEREAS, William L. Wills died recently in Lind, surrounded  
10 by his family;

11           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
12 Senate honor the life of William "Bill" Wills and thank him for  
13 his many years of friendship and service to the Lind community  
14 and the people of Adams County.

15 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
16 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
17 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8614,  
18 adopted by the Senate  
19 March 22, 2021

20 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
21 Secretary of the Senate