

SENATE RESOLUTION

8623

By Senators Robinson, Billig, Brown, Braun, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hawkins, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Holy, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liiias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Rolfes, Saldaña, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., and Wilson, L.

1 WHEREAS, John McCoy was first elected to the Washington State
2 House of Representatives in 2003 and was elected to the State Senate
3 in 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, John McCoy was a dedicated public servant, faithfully
5 and tirelessly representing the people of the 38th legislative
6 district for 17 years before retiring in 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, John McCoy began his honorable service with a 20-year
8 career in the Air Force, gaining experience that would inform his
9 deep dedication to serving the good of the people; and

10 WHEREAS, John McCoy was a leader in the community through his
11 work to diversify the economy of the Tulalip Tribes by establishing
12 and managing Quil Ceda Village; and, was a leader in the Senate as
13 Chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus, never wavering in his
14 inclusive and supportive approach to leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, John McCoy worked on a wide breadth of issues, including
16 advocating for disenfranchised communities, lifting the voices of
17 sovereign tribes, and expanding access to quality education and
18 health care, as well as internet access for every Washingtonian; and

19 WHEREAS, John McCoy was an unrelenting force for those with the
20 least financial resources and political power in the state, giving a
21 voice to those who did not have one in our political process; and

1 WHEREAS John McCoy championed the passage of the Native
2 American Voting Rights Act that expanded voting rights access in
3 tribal communities; and

4 WHEREAS, John McCoy passed legislation that ensured Native
5 American history, culture, and government would be taught in all
6 school districts; and

7 WHEREAS, John McCoy worked persistently for 12 years to pass
8 legislation that would allow dental therapists to provide care
9 on reservations; and

10 WHEREAS, John McCoy was a strong advocate for the
11 environment, pushing for tougher rules on oil transportation and
12 water quality, as well as expanding production of alternative
13 energy; and

14 WHEREAS, John McCoy faced challenges that seemed
15 insurmountable with tenacity and perseverance, offering the
16 advice of "It's okay to make a mistake as long as you learn from
17 it... and are sure not to make the same mistake again!"; and

18 WHEREAS, John McCoy will be missed for his steady
19 leadership, strong moral compass, and his ability to find the
20 perfect bolo tie for every occasion; and

21 WHEREAS, John McCoy is a loving husband to his wife Jeannie,
22 a father to three daughters, and a grandfather of 10
23 grandchildren and two great grandchildren;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
25 Senate recognize Senator John McCoy and the contributions he
26 made to the state and the people during his 17 years of service
27 in the legislature.

28 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
29 do hereby certify that this is a true and
30 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8623,
31 adopted by the Senate
32 April 9, 2021

33 BRAD HENDRICKSON
34 Secretary of the Senate