

SENATE RESOLUTION

8626

By Senators Liias, Honeyford, Conway, Das, Braun, Brown, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Padden, Schoesler, Sheldon, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Darneille, Dhingra, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Short, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Wilson, J., and Wilson, L.

1 WHEREAS, Senator Paull Shin lived a profoundly impactful and
2 extraordinary life dedicated to serving the people of Washington
3 State; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Shin embodied the American dream through his
5 lifetime of kindness, leadership, and service which inspired
6 countless others; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Shin courageously conquered vast obstacles,
8 which allowed his passion for service to spring from a vision to a
9 reality; and

10 WHEREAS, Paull Shin was born September 27, 1935, in Kumchon,
11 Korea where he lived on the war-torn streets as an orphan child,
12 begging for food; and

13 WHEREAS, Paull Shin was adopted by an American GI, Dr. Ray Paull,
14 and given the opportunity to live an American life; and

15 WHEREAS, Though he had not been taught how to read and write as a
16 child, Paull Shin made up for his lack of childhood schooling and
17 swiftly educated himself in his teenage years, becoming literate in
18 both English and Korean; and

19 WHEREAS, Paull Shin met the love of his life, Donna, at Brigham
20 Young University and will be remembered as a devoted husband, father,
21 and grandfather; and

1 WHEREAS, Paull Shin earned a B.A. from Brigham Young
2 University, a M.A. from the University of Pittsburgh, and a
3 Ph.D. from the University of Washington; and

4 WHEREAS, Paull Shin became a professor in Washington's
5 higher education system, where he inspired generations of
6 students through his teachings in East Asian Studies; and

7 WHEREAS, Paull Shin was elected to the House of
8 Representatives in 1992 and then elected to the Senate in 1998,
9 nobly serving the people of Washington and the 21st District as
10 the first Korean American elected to the Washington State
11 Legislature; and

12 WHEREAS, While striving to be active in Washington's
13 community, Senator Shin spent much of his time building
14 relationships with his colleagues in the Senate and with his
15 constituents; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Shin was deeply loved and respected by all
17 members of the legislature, regardless of political party; and

18 WHEREAS, While Senator Shin did not speak on the floor
19 often, when he did, everyone, whether they were Senators, staff,
20 lobbyists, or members of the public, would stop to listen to
21 every word he said, proof of the great amount of respect
22 everyone in Washington had for him; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Shin had a deep love for those who were
24 also adopted, like him, and spent much of his time working with
25 and supporting them; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Shin's life story informed his deep
27 dedication to expanding educational opportunities, and
28 protecting and supporting our most vulnerable residents; and

29 WHEREAS, Senator Shin represented Washington ably on
30 numerous trade missions abroad, building relationships with
31 foreign leaders and promoting Washington products and companies;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, Senator Shin, who was also a veteran himself, never
34 forgot about the sacrifices our men and women of the armed
35 forces have made and was the original prime sponsor of the
36 policy that expanded access to higher education to nonresident
37 service members; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Shin was a champion for Washington State's
2 Asian-American community, passing legislation to erase
3 derogatory and outdated language regarding Asian Americans from
4 state statutes, codes, regulations, and other official documents
5 which started the conversation nation-wide; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Shin recognized the relationship between
7 business and education, passing legislation to develop
8 customized workforce training, believing that the growth of new
9 businesses was being limited by an unmet need for customized
10 training; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Shin had an affinity for doing push-ups and
12 would challenge interns and legislative staff to do more than
13 him even though no one could ever beat him; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Shin's affinity for push-ups was so strong
15 that he challenged everyone at his 50th wedding anniversary to
16 do more push-ups than him even though no one stood a chance;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Shin's life embodied the word "sarang"
19 which means love in Korean; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Shin's dignity, service, and compassion
21 provided admirable examples for others to emulate;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
23 Senate mourn the loss of the Honorable Paull Shin, former State
24 Senator of the 21st legislative district and Vice President Pro
25 Tempore; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
27 recognize and honor the life and work of Senator Paull Shin for
28 his lifetime of contributions to the people and state of
29 Washington; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
31 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
32 family members of Senator Paull Shin.

33 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
34 do hereby certify that this is a true and
35 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8626,
36 adopted by the Senate

1 April 21, 2021

2 BRAD HENDRICKSON

3 Secretary of the Senate