

SENATE RESOLUTION

8645

By Senators Schoesler, Dozier, Frockt, Honeyford, King, Nobles, Wagoner, and Warnick

1 WHEREAS, Bill Schillinger grew up on a dryland wheat farm south
2 of Odessa, Washington; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Schillinger earned a bachelor's degree in
4 Communications from Eastern Washington University, and a master's
5 degree in Agronomy from the University of California, Davis, then
6 worked for the United States Agency for International Development in
7 Africa and Asia for 10 years, before returning to the United States
8 to earn a PhD in Agronomy from Oregon State University; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Schillinger began working at the Washington State
10 University dryland research station in Lind, Washington on January 1,
11 1993; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Schillinger was the principal investigator of three
13 multidisciplinary long-term dryland and irrigated cropping systems
14 experiments; and

15 WHEREAS, During Dr. Schillinger's long career there, the
16 Washington State University dryland research station did
17 groundbreaking research on combatting wind erosion, including
18 conservation-till and no-till farming methods; alternative crops to
19 winter wheat and other extensive long-term research projects,
20 including a cropping systems study 25 years in the making and a
21 winter pea study that is in its 12th year; and soil and residue
22 management practices to increase water storage and efficient use of
23 precipitation; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Schillinger published many articles about the
2 research he and others did at the Washington State University
3 dryland research station; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Schillinger has devoted his professional life
5 to helping farmers flourish on the low amount of precipitation
6 that much of eastern Washington receives each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Bill Schillinger retired on January 7, 2022, after
8 29 years as a scientist and director at the Washington State
9 University dryland research station;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
11 Senate honor Doctor Bill Schillinger on his long career, during
12 which he significantly helped many Washington farmers and our
13 state's agriculture industry.

14 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
15 do hereby certify that this is a true and
16 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8645,
17 adopted by the Senate
18 February 21, 2022

19 SARAH BANNISTER
20 Secretary of the Senate