

SENATE RESOLUTION

8652

By Senators Schoesler, Hunt, Padden, Boehnke, Dozier, Wellman, Short, Lovick, Torres, Billig, and Warnick

1 WHEREAS, After serving as mayor of Pullman for 20 years, Glenn
2 Johnson has retired from City Hall; and

3 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson moved to Pullman in 1979 from Sacramento,
4 California, to teach at Washington State University's Edward R.
5 Murrow College of Communications, and became very involved with
6 various organizations, which included volunteering at Pullman
7 Regional Hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, As mayor, he helped with the initiation of Project
9 Downtown, a city-led revitalization project to upgrade Main Street's
10 utilities, roads, sidewalks, and public spaces; and

11 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson is not just known for being Pullman mayor
12 and a distinguished professor at Washington State University for 35
13 years, but for being the "Voice of the Cougs" as the public-address
14 announcer at Washington State University sporting events for more
15 than 40 years; and

16 WHEREAS, His catchphrase at Washington State University home
17 football games - "and that's another Cougar first down!" - became so
18 popular that Cougars fans routinely said it in unison; and

19 WHEREAS, Glenn also is a trustee of the Community Colleges of
20 Spokane; and

21 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson is a recipient of the Honorary Alumnus
22 award, which is considered the highest honor from the Washington
23 State University Alumni Association for nonalumni friends who have

1 given special service to the university, and appropriately was
2 presented with that honor while announcing at a Cougar
3 basketball game; and

4 WHEREAS, The Washington State University Foundation
5 presented him with its Outstanding Service Award in 2013, while
6 the Pullman Chamber of Commerce has honored him with the
7 Marshall A. Neill Community Service Award in 2001 and as Member
8 of the Year in 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson in 2008 received the 2008 Edward L.
10 Bliss Award for Distinguished Broadcast Journalism Education,
11 which honors an electronic journalism educator who has made a
12 significant and lasting contribution to the field in the areas
13 of teaching, service, and scholarship; and

14 WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson has been a selfless leader who always
15 dedicated his success to the people around him;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
17 Senate honor and congratulate Glenn Johnson not only for serving
18 two decades as Pullman mayor but also for his ongoing service as
19 the Voice of the Cougars. Go Cougs!

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
21 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Glenn
22 Johnson.

23 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8652,
26 adopted by the Senate
27 January 17, 2024

28 SARAH BANNISTER
29 Secretary of the Senate