

SENATE RESOLUTION

8665

By Senator Fain

1 WHEREAS, Councilmember Rich Wagner has served on the Auburn City
2 Council since 1990; and

3 WHEREAS, 2017 marks the conclusion of a 27-year career in local
4 government marked by a commitment to community, investment and
5 infrastructure, and ethical leadership; and

6 WHEREAS, Councilmember Wagner has demonstrated a commitment to
7 regional governance through positions on six boards and committees
8 including the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy
9 Board, the Puyallup River Watershed Forum, the Pierce County Regional
10 Council, and the Valley Regional Fire Authority among others; and

11 WHEREAS, Prior to a career in local government, Councilmember
12 Wagner graduated from Washington State University with a degree in
13 Mechanical Engineering and went on to earn a Master of Science Degree
14 in Engineering from Santa Clara University; and

15 WHEREAS, Following his education, Councilmember Wagner enjoyed a
16 successful 45-year career as an engineer working for companies such
17 as IBM, the Tally Corporation, and the Weyerhaeuser Company; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite a busy work schedule and commitment to local
19 government, Councilmember Wagner and his wife Kay raised four
20 children during their 40 years of marriage; and

21 WHEREAS, Not only did his lifelong hobby for building things
22 motivate his choice to become an engineer, but it also focused his

1 agenda as a city councilmember towards building infrastructure
2 and relationships; and

3 WHEREAS, Councilmember Wagner's most memorable
4 accomplishments as a local leader are: Completing a grade
5 separation of the railroad that is an integral part of Auburn's
6 economy, building a stronger relationship with the Muckleshoot
7 Tribe and the City of Auburn, championing the construction of
8 the Auburn Community Center at Les Gove Park, and promoting the
9 arts through the Auburn Performing Arts Center and the Auburn
10 Art Commission's Public Art Program; and

11 WHEREAS, Councilmember Wagner has said that despite Auburn's
12 population increasing from 25,000 to 80,000 residents during his
13 tenure, the leadership of the Auburn City Council created a city
14 that never lost touch of its small town feel;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
16 Senate recognize Councilmember Rich Wagner for his 27 years of
17 service as a leader and promoter of the City of Auburn, and wish
18 him the greatest success in his future endeavors.

19 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
20 do hereby certify that this is a true and
21 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8665,
22 adopted by the Senate
23 June 7, 2017

24 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
25 Secretary of the Senate