

SENATE RESOLUTION

8692

By Senators Liias and Salomon

1 WHEREAS, David Orrin Earling has served the people of Edmonds
2 since 1992, first as a member of the city council and later as mayor
3 of Edmonds since 2011, and has been a strong leader and an asset to
4 the city and our region during a period of significant growth and
5 change; and

6 WHEREAS, He has dedicated himself to building community,
7 restoring civility, and encouraging civic participation during his
8 tenure as mayor; and

9 WHEREAS, David Earling has served the public and his community in
10 various capacities since the very beginning of his career, as a
11 beloved music professor at Shoreline Community College, as a member
12 of the Edmonds City Council, the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, Sound
13 Transit, Senior Services of Snohomish County, and the Central Puget
14 Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, among others; and

15 WHEREAS, David Earling successfully championed efforts to turn
16 Edmonds into a destination for the arts, including launching the
17 first-ever arts summit in 2013 and leading the city to be named
18 Washington's first certified creative district; and

19 WHEREAS, He spearheaded growth for the city by overseeing a plan
20 to redevelop the Edmonds stretch of Highway 99 to include more
21 investment in affordable housing and a more pedestrian-friendly feel,
22 promoting a healthy and vibrant feel to the area; and

1 WHEREAS, He played a key role in the revitalization of
2 Edmonds' public spaces, notably with his efforts to purchase and
3 launch Civic Park, which is now recognized as a first-class
4 downtown facility; and

5 WHEREAS, David Earling has been widely appreciated and
6 recognized for his spirit of cooperation with fellow leaders,
7 his respectful interactions with colleagues, and his warm
8 connections to many folks in the community;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
10 Senate recognize retired Edmonds Mayor David Earling, for his
11 service to the people of Washington State, Snohomish County, and
12 the City of Edmonds, and his long career dedicated to improving
13 the lives of its residents; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in acknowledgment of their
15 recent celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, the
16 Senate recognize Susan Earling for her dedication to the
17 community and her loving presence in her husband's life as David
18 undertook the responsibilities of public office throughout the
19 years; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
21 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to David
22 Earling in celebration of his service to the City of Edmonds.

23 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8692,
26 adopted by the Senate
27 February 24, 2020

28 BRAD HENDRICKSON
29 Secretary of the Senate