

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators O'Ban, Dammeier, Conway, Darneille, Miloscia, Becker, Pedersen, and Rolfes

1       WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate should recognize any and all  
2 citizens who commit themselves to the betterment of their fellow  
3 citizens through adversity and hardship; and

4       WHEREAS, The courageous efforts of Richard Allen, born a slave in  
5 1760, led to the creation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church  
6 in 1794; and

7       WHEREAS, The late Richard Allen became an inspiration to those  
8 who fought for freedom, social justice, and equality; and

9       WHEREAS, The African Methodist Episcopal congregation in Tacoma  
10 continues Richard Allen's mission to seek out the lost and serve the  
11 needy; and

12       WHEREAS, The members of the congregation contributed to the  
13 movement to create a postal stamp recognizing the significant  
14 contributions of both Richard Allen and the African Methodist  
15 Episcopal Church;

16       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate commend and  
17 congratulate the members of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal  
18 Church for ensuring that the Richard Allen postal stamp became a  
19 reality, and thank them for their work on furthering social justice  
20 and equality for all.

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