

SENATE RESOLUTION

8703

By Senator Ranker

1 WHEREAS, Joyce Sobel was a champion for underserved children and
2 families throughout the state of Washington and is lauded for her
3 work as the founder of the San Juan Island Family Resource Center;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Joyce Sobel's selfless leadership and love for travel
6 first led her to serve in the Peace Corps after college, teaching
7 secondary education in Kenya; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon her arrival on San Juan Island in 1975, Joyce Sobel
9 became an outspoken advocate for underserved children on the island,
10 supporting the well-being of families in her community above all
11 else; and

12 WHEREAS, In Friday Harbor, Washington, Joyce Sobel envisioned an
13 organization that ensures that every household in the San Juan Island
14 community has the basic resources to be healthy, happy, and
15 productive; and

16 WHEREAS, Joyce Sobel founded the San Juan Island Family Resource
17 Center to provide her community with quality early childhood support
18 programs that help optimize child development and family well-being;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Joyce Sobel served the San Juan Island community outside
21 the Family Resource Center in numerous local organizations including
22 the League of Women Voters, Soroptimist International, and the Friday
23 Harbor Food Bank; and

1 WHEREAS, Due to her tireless commitment to the women and
2 children of San Juan Island and passionate belief in the idea
3 that together we can do so much, Joyce Sobel was recognized as
4 the 2004 Citizen of the Year by the San Juan Journal and the
5 2011 Woman Who Made a Difference by the San Juan League of Women
6 Voters; and

7 WHEREAS, Joyce Sobel remained busy well into retirement,
8 enjoying a colorful personal life celebrating the arts,
9 protecting her vegetable garden from deer, and discussing books
10 over a meal with the "No Guilt, Gourmet Book Club"; and

11 WHEREAS, Joyce Sobel is remembered by her friends and family
12 for her role in welcoming and mentoring young families in the
13 community, helping others find their place, and understanding
14 people and their needs better than anyone;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
16 Senate honors Joyce Sobel for her lifelong commitment to the
17 women, children, and families of San Juan Island and recognizes
18 her enduring spirit in the lives of all those she served.

19 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
20 do hereby certify that this is a true and
21 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8703,
22 adopted by the Senate
23 February 22, 2018

24 BRAD HENDRICKSON
25 Secretary of the Senate