

SENATE RESOLUTION

8647

By Senators Nelson and Saldaña

1 WHEREAS, Donna Pierce, overwhelmed by her role as a new mom,
2 began to recognize and understand the hardships and struggles of
3 motherhood; although she did not personally lack the means to provide
4 for her own baby, motherhood still proved to be a demanding endeavor;
5 and as stressed as she was, Donna could not begin to imagine "the
6 level of stress felt by new moms with low incomes, no incomes, no
7 health care, or no home"; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2001, Donna founded WestSide Baby, and since then,
9 WestSide Baby has admirably sought to help the most vulnerable
10 mothers in King County; and

11 WHEREAS, WestSide Baby, working together with over 120 social
12 service agencies, provides necessities that are essential to the
13 caring of an infant free of charge; and

14 WHEREAS, Many of the mothers WestSide Baby serves are forced to
15 make heart-wrenching decisions about which of their necessities they
16 can afford to do without; Donna recognized that being a mother is
17 hard enough on its own, and new mothers having to treat what other
18 families take for granted as luxuries is disheartening and sometimes
19 humiliating; Donna and WestSide Baby have helped mothers provide for
20 the physical needs of their children, granting them some peace of
21 mind and providing a better quality of life to the children they
22 serve; and

1 WHEREAS, Acting upon its deeply held and outwardly expressed
2 core values of fairness and empowerment, WestSide Baby has made
3 a lasting impact upon the lives of thousands of mothers and
4 their children, helping ensure that they have a more fair and
5 equal start to life; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, WestSide Baby has distributed
7 over 16 million dollars worth of diapers, clothes, and safety
8 equipment and helped around 200,000 babies in King County; and

9 WHEREAS, WestSide Baby's efforts are an invaluable source of
10 empowerment and dignity for thousands of mothers who desperately
11 need the assistance; and

12 WHEREAS, WestSide Baby continues to provide women with the
13 necessary tools of motherhood, continues to generate awareness
14 about the most vulnerable children in the community, and, most
15 importantly, will continue striving towards its praiseworthy
16 goal: That every baby in the community has his or her physical
17 needs met;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
19 Senate honor Ms. Donna Pierce and recognize WestSide Baby's
20 numerous and continuing contributions to Washington's mothers
21 and their children.

22 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
23 do hereby certify that this is a true and
24 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8647,
25 adopted by the Senate
26 April 5, 2017

27 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
28 Secretary of the Senate