

SENATE RESOLUTION

8652

By Senator Fortunato

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Ambassador Michael McCarthy recognized the 200th  
2 Anniversary of the arrival of free Black men, women, and children  
3 from the United States to Providence Island in 1822; and

4 WHEREAS, The Bicentennial commemorates the special relationship  
5 between Liberia and the United States, two of the oldest republics in  
6 the world, maintaining strong historical, political, and economic  
7 ties for the past 200 years with nearly 80,000 people of Liberian  
8 descent calling America home; and

9 WHEREAS, The Liberian people, having faced significant adversity  
10 throughout their history, have sought to maintain the highest ideals  
11 of a free and democratic society; and

12 WHEREAS, Liberia celebrated a first peaceful transition of power  
13 since 1944 in the 2017 election; and

14 WHEREAS, The Liberian people have worked tirelessly to build and  
15 safeguard their liberty, rich history, and institutions; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States and its citizens have supported  
17 investments in democratic institutions, education, health care, and  
18 the general welfare of the Liberian people;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
20 recognize that the United States and Liberia have abundant  
21 accomplishments to be proud of and to look forward to advance future  
22 generations to better our countries; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
2 commend and congratulate Liberia for working to preserve  
3 democracy in West Africa for 200 years.

4 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
5 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
6 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8652,  
7 adopted by the Senate  
8 February 17, 2022

9 SARAH BANNISTER  
10 Secretary of the Senate