

RESOLUTION – GAIL LARSON

PREAMBLE

Fellow Rotarian Gail Larson, a prominent health care executive who led major hospitals in three states, passed away May 25, 2020, at the age of 76 at Providence Everett Regional Medical Center, a hospital she led for several years before her retirement in 2008.

A Washington State native and Tulalip resident, Gail graduated from the University of Washington. Her first management position was at the UW Medical Center, thereafter moving to Los Angeles to earn her Master's Degree in Health Administration from UCLA in 1974.

Gail then held executive posts in California for 16 years at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, followed by 13 years leading three hospitals for the University System in Cleveland, Ohio.

In 2001 she came to Everett as CEO of Providence Northwest, a regional health care system serving several counties, which in Everett includes the two Providence Everett hospital campuses along with a multitude of related services.

During her tenure, Providence Everett Medical Center was named among the nation's top 100 hospitals, top 100 cardiovascular hospitals, and ranked in the top 5% for clinical excellence.

A diplomate of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Gail was a UW-Bothell Board Member and served on the Tulalip Planning Commission. She was a strong advocate of the Washington Hospital Association and chaired the local March of Dimes Walk-America and Nurse of the Year efforts.

After her retirement a dozen years ago, Gail continued in leadership as an officer of the Providence General Foundation and Chair of Mercy Housing Northwest which owns affordable housing properties providing over 5,000 families and seniors with a permanent place to call home.

Gail joined the Rotary Club of Everett on July 26, 2005 with 100% attendance for many years. She was a Rotary board member from 2009 through 2011 and has five Paul Harris Fellowships to her name.

Gail and her husband Jack Larson volunteered at the Everett Gospel Mission on

Christmas Day for the last ten years. She was always willing to host ten Rotarians at her home for “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner.” Gail served on the Next Generation Committee as the scheduler for the career speakers at Cascade, Everett, and Sequoia High Schools.

Gail is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jack, along with sons Erik and Hans, daughter-in-law Rose and grandchildren Axel and Maeve.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Gail Larson was a dedicated health care and community leader whose intellect and vision enabled her to accomplish a wide variety of important goals that benefited our region and beyond, and

WHEREAS, Gail Larson exhibited a genuine and abiding interest in the health and well-being of others, and

WHEREAS, Gail Larson believed in, acted in accordance with, and was a firm proponent of Rotary’s principled motto: Service Above Self, and

WHEREAS, we have each of us been blessed by the presence of Gail Larson in our lives and in the Rotary Club of Everett.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Rotary President Stephen P. Miller be charged with the duty of placing a copy of this Resolution in the hands of Gail’s family so that they may know of both the high esteem in which we hold Gail and the great fondness in our hearts for her memory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of the Rotary Club of Everett united here together, stand and observe a moment of silence in honor of our departed friend, Gail Larson.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I affix my hand and seal this Sixteenth Day of June, 2020:

ATTEST:

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Robert Bavasi
Resolutions Committee
Rotary Club of Everett

Stephen P. Miller
President
Rotary Club of Everett

Neil Angst
Secretary
Rotary Club of Everett