



# City of Bellevue | Commendation

- Whereas:** Former United States Senator and Washington State Attorney General Slade Gorton passed away on Aug. 19 at the age of 92;
- Whereas:** Born and raised in Chicago, he adopted Washington as his home state and raised three children with his wife off 55 years, Sally, who passed away in 2013;
- Whereas:** Gorton served in public office for 40 years including in the Washington State House of Representatives from 1959-1969; as Washington State Attorney General from 1969-1981; as U.S. Senator from 1981-87 and again from 1989-2001;
- Whereas:** A fierce advocate for Washington and the region, Gorton had a number of achievements from helping clean up Lake Washington in the 1960's to saving Major League Baseball in Seattle (twice) to strengthening the state's consumer protection laws to supporting the National Endowment for the Arts;
- Whereas:** After leaving the Senate, he served as a member of the 9/11 Commission 2003-2004 and the Washington State Redistricting Commission in 2011;
- Whereas:** Gorton believed in developing young people and he frequently said: "My greatest legacy will not be any particular legislation, but the hundreds of young people who have worked with me over the years and who have gone on to become leaders themselves;"
- Whereas:** Gorton never retired, continued to be a respected force in public affairs, and was seen frequently in his Bellevue-area neighborhood during his daily walks with his dog, Trip;

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby commend:

## **U.S. Senator Slade Gorton**

for his decades of public service, legacy of leadership in the community, and dedication to our state and country.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue