

## A Resolution Honoring Charles Rolland

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3 **WHEREAS** on Monday, March 12, 2012, many of us around the State were shocked and  
4 saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Rolland;

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6 **WHEREAS** Charles Rolland, had contributed his service to the Seattle-area African  
7 American Community, and to the people of Seattle and the State of Washington;

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9 **WHEREAS** Charles Rolland, made a priceless contribution to the Democratic Party as  
10 State Director of the 1988 Jesse Jackson for President Campaign, bringing many new  
11 and diverse faces into the Democratic Party;

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13 **WHEREAS** Charles Rolland, in 1989, played a key role as a manager of Norm Rice's  
14 election as the first African American Mayor of Seattle, and then served as a deputy  
15 mayor, as a social conscience for the Rice Administration, advocating for poor and  
16 minority communities;

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18 **WHEREAS** Charles Rolland, in 1993, was the first African American to be elected Chair  
19 of the Washington State Democratic Party; and

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21 **WHEREAS** Charles Rolland, continuously gave service to his community in education,  
22 in equality and fairness in contracting, in police-community relations, in interacting  
23 with children in various ways including service as a Little League Umpire;

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25 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party Central  
26 Committee hereby acknowledges and appreciates the life, work and contributions made  
27 by Charles Rolland to the Washington State Democratic Party, and to the people of the  
28 State of Washington; and

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30 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the family of  
31 Charles Rolland, in honor of his memory.

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34 Submitted by the Executive Board to the Washington State Democratic Central  
35 Committee for consideration at its September 22, 2012 meeting in Yakima. (Date  
36 Submitted 9/21/2012)

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38 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND  
39 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its September 22, 2012 meeting in Yakima.

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41 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 22, 2012 meeting in Yakima.