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THESE ARE THE WORDS, VERBATIM, THAT APPEARED ON THE ORIGINAL ORNAMENT:

The lively history of Washington State includes many instances of progressive change. That's why I am proud to live here.

DEBORAH F. LAWRENCE, 2008

Women's Right to Vote: On November 8, 1910, the male voters of Washington State voted nearly 2-1 to amend the state constitution, extending the right to vote to Washington women. (Source: historylink.com)

The Seattle General Strike: 65,000 laborers walked off the job on February 6, 1919 in a General Strike unprecedented in American history. For five days, the people demonstrated the power of union solidarity. (Source: historylink.com)

WTO: On November 30, 1999, 40,000 to 100,000 peaceful demonstrators took to the Seattle streets in protest of nonstop globalization at the World Trade Organization's conference at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. Sometimes referred to as

the Battle of Seattle, the massive protest represented an alliance of hundreds of labor unions, community, environmental and political organizations in support of Fair Trade. (Source: historylink.com and the artist's personal experience)

U.S. Representative Jim McDermott represents the 7th Congressional District in Washington State. A physician, McDermott is especially active in health care reform issues. He developed the Washington Basic Health Plan, the first state program in the country to provide low-cost health insurance to the unemployed and working poor. McDermott was attacked for predicting that no WMDs would be found in Iraq, and he was correct.

McDermott signed onto a resolution for impeachment of the President. He said "America cannot regain its moral leadership in the world if America cannot hold its leaders accountable for their actions at home... Without accountability, a Democracy will fail." (Source: McDermott official website)

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