# *Former Secretary of State Ralph Munro to Speak at Lady Washington Event*

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Aberdeen – Ralph Munro, the longest serving secretary of state in Washington State history and a key player in the effort to build the tall ship Lady Washington, will speak at the vessel’s 20th Anniversary Celebration on June 29th.  Munro held the secretary of state’s office from 1980 to 2001. In the late 1980s, he was among several state officials and lawmakers who pushed for funds to build Lady Washington as part of the state’s 1989 centennial observation. The funds were instrumental in completing the ship, which was launched on March 7, 1989. Over the past two decades, he has continued to support the ship’s living history educational programs.

Munro will be among dozens of dignitaries and guests scheduled to attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration Monday June 29th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Aberdeen Landing in Aberdeen. Themed “20 Years of Changing Peoples’ Lives,” the event begins with VIP tours of the vessels, following by dinner, a presentation (including an address by Munro), maritime music by Northwest musicians, and more. Tickets are $50 per person. A table may be reserved for $500, which includes two tickets to the July 4 evening sailing. To reserve space for the anniversary party, call 800-200-5239 or visit www.historicalseaport.org.