

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Schoesler, Hewitt, Litzow, King, Becker, Honeyford, Bailey, Braun, Pearson, Dammeier, O'Ban, Rivers, Parlette, Angel, Brown, Padden, Warnick, Dansel, Ericksen, Miloscia, Hill, Hargrove, Hobbs, Chase, Sheldon, and Benton

1 WHEREAS, Judy Rogers-LaVigne has been drawn to the world of
2 politics for much of her adult life, like a moth to a bug zapper; and

3 WHEREAS, Judy began her career with the Washington legislature as
4 a session aide in 1993; and

5 WHEREAS, Later that same year Judy served as the state
6 coordinator for Initiative 601, working closely with her friend and
7 mentor state Senator Linda Smith; and

8 WHEREAS, Judy served as a dedicated congressional staffer for
9 United States Representative Linda Smith from 1995 to 1997, providing
10 compassionate, patient, and dedicated service to the hundreds of
11 individuals and families who sought assistance from the 3rd district
12 congresswoman; and

13 WHEREAS, Judy returned to the Washington legislature in 1999 as a
14 legislative assistant for state Senator Joe Zarelli; and

15 WHEREAS, During that same year Judy met the love of her life,
16 George LaVigne, who swept her off her feet by providing a Y2K fix to
17 her home computer--when Judy saw her cat loved George, the rest was
18 history; and

19 WHEREAS, Judy's husband, George, is wondering what to do with the
20 hundreds of Beanie Babies Judy is now bringing home from her office;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, Judy became the executive assistant to the Republican
2 Caucus in 2007, where she has provided excellent administrative
3 assistance, motherly advice, and adult supervision; and

4 WHEREAS, Judy took to heart the insightful advice of her
5 predecessor, Bonnie Boushele, that "a well-fed senator is a happy
6 senator"; and

7 WHEREAS, This advice led to visits to the Majority Coalition
8 Caucus room by not only Majority Coalition members, but also other
9 visitors like Senator Hargrove; and

10 WHEREAS, Judy's sons, Shay, Chris, and Andy, are indeed the pride
11 of her life, but they now have serious competition with the arrival
12 two years ago of granddaughter Macy, and the pending arrival of a
13 second granddaughter, to be named later; and

14 WHEREAS, Judy is also responsible for a constituent, Miss Heidi,
15 who brings great joy to all she meets and who is a particular
16 favorite of Senator Fain's and Senator Hewitt's offices; and

17 WHEREAS, Judy will be sorely missed by all who know her and have
18 had the privilege to work with her during her more than two decades
19 of service at the Washington legislature;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
21 officially honor and thank Judy Rogers-LaVigne for her many years of
22 dedication and hard work on behalf of the people of the state of
23 Washington; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
25 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Judy
26 Rogers-LaVigne and her family.

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