

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Spanel, Fraser, Parlette, Brown, Hewitt and Eide

WHEREAS, Senate Security suffered the sudden, tragic loss of three friends and colleagues during the 2006 interim and session is just not the same without them; and

WHEREAS, The Senate joins their families, friends, and coworkers in mourning the passing of Norm Josephson, Patrick Molloy, and Gordon Douglass; and

WHEREAS, Norm Josephson served the Senate for seven sessions on security staff and most recently as a talented and respected reader at this rostrum; and

WHEREAS, Norm also served his community as a dedicated teacher and principal during a distinguished thirty-two year career in education; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Molloy served the Senate during the past four sessions on security staff as a shuttle driver, safely transporting legislative employees between the capitol and various parking locations; and

WHEREAS, Patrick was a full-blooded Irishman who always greeted his colleagues and customers with a dry wit, a warm smile, and a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Douglass served the Senate for twelve sessions on security staff and for several of those sessions as a skilled and popular reader here at the Senate rostrum; and

WHEREAS, Gordy's love of people, charm, and sense of humor meant he was always surrounded with numerous friends and a loving family; and

WHEREAS, Norm, Patrick, and Gordy will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by the Washington State Senate and by all those who knew and loved them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the memories of Norm Josephson, Patrick Molloy, and Gordon Douglass and extend its heartfelt appreciation and sympathies to their wives and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Janet Josephson, Catherine Novak, Sandy Douglass, Denny Lewis, and all Senate Security staff.