

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1991-8645**

By Senators Snyder, Newhouse, Amondson, Anderson, Bailey, Barr, Bauer, Bluechel, Cantu, Conner, Craswell, Erwin, Gaspard, Hansen, Hayner, Jesernig, Johnson, L. Kreidler, Madsen, Matson, McCaslin, McDonald, McMullen, Metcalf, Moore, Murray, Nelson, Niemi, Oke, Owen, Patterson, Pelz, Rasmussen, Rinehart, Roach, Saling, Sellar, Skratek, A. Smith, L. Smith, Stratton, Sutherland, Talmadge, Thorsness, Vognild, von Reichbauer, West, Williams and Wojahn

WHEREAS, The Senate is pleased to acknowledge the presence of former members, staff, lobbyists and press corps personnel in recognition of their past services and other assorted activities; and

WHEREAS, The "Legislative Old Timers Reunion", now a formal and official part of legislative proceedings, presents us with an opportunity to pay our respects to those who are no longer directly serving in or with the state Senate, some by choice; and

WHEREAS, There is no truth to the rumor that the reunion organizing committee ever seriously considered changing the name of these festivities from "Legislative Old Timers" to "The Over The Hill Gang Reunion"; and

WHEREAS, Most of those being honored here today and this evening paid little or no attention to past floor resolutions but no doubt are intently listening to this one; and

WHEREAS, Many of our guests are now enjoying retirement and wouldn't trade places with any of us on this 78th legislative day; and

WHEREAS, As we gaze upon those who have gathered here today we could associate them with terms such as: armchair strategists; chronic campaigners; masters of bafflegab; troglodytes and do-gooders; we prefer to call them "Friend"; and

WHEREAS, April 1st seems a peculiar day to try to convince you that you are missed;

NEVERTHELESS, AND WITH A BARE MAJORITY CONCURRING,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we heartily welcome you back to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the Washington State Senate, be they ever so minute!