SENATE RESOLUTION 1994-8679

By Senators Talmadge, Bauer, Rinehart, Williams, Drew, Spanel, Snyder, A. Smith, Ludwig, Loveland, McAuliffe, Franklin, Haugen, Hargrove, Owen, Vognild, Moore and McDonald

WHEREAS, Patrick Fitzsimons has been Chief of Police in Seattle since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzsimons is retiring after fifteen years as police chief; and

WHEREAS, The average tenure for a police chief in a major United States city is only three and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzsimons' tenure as Chief of Police in Seattle is the longest in the city's history; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzsimons is credited with creating a police force that is recognized as one of the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzsimons is respected for innovations like the bicycle patrol and community policing and his work at the national level of police organizations; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzsimons has participated in church and community groups, not just as police chief but as a citizen of Seattle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and honor Patrick Fitzsimons for his accomplishments as Chief of Police in Seattle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the President of the Senate to Chief Fitzsimons.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1994-8679, adopted by the Senate March 3, 1994.

MARTY BROWN Secretary of the Senate