

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8636**

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Spanel, Thibaudeau, Fairley, Jacobsen, Horn, Heavey, Prentice, Snyder, Goings, McAuliffe, Morton, Kline, Hargrove, Shin, Sellar, Haugen, Stevens, Oke, Finkbeiner, Winsley, Wojahn, B. Sheldon, Sheahan, Rasmussen, Bauer, Eide, Brown, T. Sheldon, Zarelli, Roach and Fraser

WHEREAS, Professional transit drivers serve selflessly to help citizens throughout the state of Washington to function in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, The brave men and women who perform these duties willingly accept the potential dangers inherent in their job; and

WHEREAS, These same transit drivers fulfill their jobs, appointments, and other responsibilities thereby promoting the common good; and

WHEREAS, Many transit drivers have been assaulted, both physically and verbally, while courageously discharging the difficult duties of their profession; and

WHEREAS, On November 27th, Bus #2181 was on its regular route and was beginning to cross the Aurora Bridge, when a passenger on the bus approached the bus driver and shot him several times; and

WHEREAS, Bus Driver Mark McLaughlin died as the bus careened off the Aurora Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Mark McLaughlin unselfishly gave his life during the performance of his duty to the community and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington honor Mark McLaughlin for his dedicated service, as well as the other men and women who selflessly fulfill their obligation to the communities they serve, by continuing to perform their transit duties in the face of potential danger; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the family of transit driver Mark McLaughlin.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8636,
adopted by the Senate March 26, 1999.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate