

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
1999-8646**

By Senators Heavey and Sheahan

WHEREAS, Patrick Brady's ancestors on both sides of his family came from counties in the northern part of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Brady attended O'Dea High School in Seattle and Notre Dame University; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Brady served for thirty-four years in the United States Army, obtaining the rank of Major General; and

WHEREAS, As an air ambulance pilot in Vietnam, Patrick Brady flew more than two thousand combat missions and may have evacuated more wounded - more than five thousand soldiers - from the battlefield than anyone in history; and

WHEREAS, On three different missions and six tasks, Patrick Brady extracted patients from areas where other aircraft failed or were shot down; and

WHEREAS, On one day, Patrick Brady evacuated a total of fifty-one severely injured patients, many of whom would have died without expeditious medical attention; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Brady was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism and efforts; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Brady also was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; two Distinguished Service Medals; the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit; six Distinguished Flying Crosses; two Bronze Stars, one for valor; the Purple Heart; and fifty-three Air Medals, one for valor; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Brady currently serves on the Board of Regents at Seattle University, works for the Foundation of his former high school, and volunteers for a homeless shelter in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Brady has been named the Grand Marshal of the 1999 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Seattle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate does hereby honor the service and contributions of Patrick Brady and urge all citizens, Irish and non-Irish, to celebrate March 17, 1999, St. Patrick's Day, as Patrick Brady Day.