

SENATE RESOLUTION

8678

By Senators West, Brown, Benton, Brandland, Carlson, Deccio, Doumit, Eide, Esser, Fairley, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Fraser, Hale, Hargrove, Haugen, Hewitt, Honeyford, Horn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Kastama, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, McCaslin, Morton, Mulliken, Oke, Parlette, Poulsen, Prentice, Rasmussen, Reardon, Regala, Roach, Rossi, Schmidt, Sheahan, B. Sheldon, T. Sheldon, Shin, Spanel, Stevens, Swecker, Thibaudeau, Winsley and Zarelli

WHEREAS, The legislative process requires an accurate and timely reflection of the events which transpire during each legislative day, and the actions of the State Senate are recorded in the Senate Journal of the State of Washington, the official record of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wiley is a most noble and gracious daughter of her native state of Kansas, having been born in Tampa, Kansas, and having followed, Ken, her dearly departed husband of 53 years, to Centralia, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wiley has served Washington State for almost twenty-four memorable years and the Washington State Senate for twenty of those years, beginning her legislative career in 1979 as a secretary in Lieutenant Governor John A. Cherberg's office, moving on to the Senate in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wiley has served with three lieutenant governors and six Secretaries of the Senate and, as Senate Journal Clerk and Minute Secretary, compiled 19 Senate Journals; and

WHEREAS, Mary's unfailing attention to detail, her unwavering dedication to each debate both large and small, as well as her imperturbable air of calm have kept the Senate's President, members, and staff on time and on track – lending each action civility and credibility; and

WHEREAS, Mary's humble and steadfast presence at the rostrum of the Senate has enabled this and past Presidents of the Senate and leaders from both sides of the aisle to confidently utter phrases like "If Mary says that's where we're at, then that's where we're at." and "If Mary says that's what we did, then that's what we did."; and

WHEREAS, Mary has decided to retire after this session of the 58th Legislature and her twentieth Senate Journal, unannounced and without fanfare, from her position as Senate Journal Clerk where her excellent listening and transcribing skills and diligent transcription of the events of this institution for posterity will be long remembered and sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Mary, exemplifying the helpfulness, the service, and the commitment to excellence that is the hallmark of Senate staff, has also been active in her community, serving on the Centralia School Board for 23 years and volunteering for a variety of meaningful activities and organizations within Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, Mary's late husband, Ken, and children, Jim Wiley, Jo Allen, Julie Mann, Linda Wiley, and John Wiley, as well as her nearly ten grandchildren, shared Mary with the Senate as she worked through numerous late-night sessions, weekend work, and other assignments as needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate duly honor and recognize Mary Wiley for her longstanding contribution to the Senate and the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate wish for Mary the same amount of satisfaction and success from her future endeavors and offer its heartfelt gratitude for her diligent and oft-needed efforts to make each Lt. Governor and Senator and other speakers on the Senate Floor read as wise and profound for future generations as they thought they sounded in this one; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Mary Wiley and her family.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and

correct copy of Senate Resolution 8678,
adopted by the Senate
April 25, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate