

SENATE RESOLUTION
8659

By Senators Honeyford, Holmquist Newbry, and Fraser

WHEREAS, It has been the tradition of the Washington State Senate to honor significant and important contributions made by employees; and

WHEREAS, Janet Haag began her illustrious and lengthy career with the Washington State Legislature in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Janet began working for the House of Representatives in 1986 for Representative Haley, moving to full-time positions with Representative Jean Silver (1989), and Representative Jim Honeyford (1996); and

WHEREAS, Janet moved to the Senate with newly elected Senator Honeyford in January 1, 1999, where she has served with grace, a wonderful sense of humor, and the skills to perform the multitude of tasks that Legislative Assistants are required to perform (see the small print); and

WHEREAS, Janet has shared her love of travel: Regaling us with stories from Africa, where the women of a Samburu village honored her with the name Kwaheri Mama that was acknowledging her openness and acceptance of the people of the village; trips to the Scandinavian homeland of her parents, where she met extended family members and stayed in their homes; and trips to England, especially the Cornish moors and heath that were reminiscent of the wonderful Victorian novels she enjoys reading. On all of these adventures she was accompanied by either her husband Roger, her family, or her friends; and

WHEREAS, Janet's love of a good book, movie, or TV show has also brought her new adventures, just ask her about "Lost," the entertainment world, and people she met while working in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Janet found herself with a lot of love in her heart that she needed to share by adopting Milt Doumit as her son, so that she could share her wisdom with him, and his rugged good looks could be a comfort to her; and

WHEREAS, Janet assumed the role as peacemaker within the Newhouse Building, selflessly giving of herself and working tirelessly to mediate disputes as to dishes left in the common sink, machines left jammed in the copy room, and crimes against humanity found in the community refrigerator; and

WHEREAS, Janet was always willing to faithfully serve the public and constituents, but she made it very clear to everyone else that she could only please one person a day, and today was not their day, nor was tomorrow looking good, either; and

WHEREAS, Janet was an eternal pragmatist who often remarked that, if everything seems to be going well, something has obviously been overlooked; and

WHEREAS, Janet would often watch Floor action, shake her head, and advise those around her to never argue with a fool, as people might not know the difference; and

WHEREAS, Janet attributed her sunny disposition and longevity in public service to clean living, looking upon the bright side of every situation, and never, ever setting foot in caucus unless it was absolutely necessary (in which case, she sent the intern); and

WHEREAS, The many, many friends she has gathered around her during these years in public service will miss her mightily and more than words can ever express, but wish her all the best on her well-deserved retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate give Janet heartfelt thanks for her years of service and wish her and Roger days of travel, family, and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Janet Haag.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8659,

adopted by the Senate
April 19, 2011

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate