

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4639, by Representatives Chopp, Wilcox, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Boehnke, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cody, Corry, Davis, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dufault, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Gildon, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hansen, Harris, Hoff, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jinkins, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, Mead, Morgan, Morris, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pollet, Ramos, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rude, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Shewmake, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Tarleton, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

1           WHEREAS, On February 25, 1963, the Beatles released their first  
2 record in the United States and almost missed out on stardom because  
3 an even bigger star, Greg Payne, was born on that same day; and

4           WHEREAS, Greg grew up in Olympia and is a proud Bear from Olympia  
5 High School; and

6           WHEREAS, In 1985, Greg took what was supposed to be a temporary  
7 job (just to tide him over until he got something good) as a driver,  
8 supply clerk, security guard, and bill room supervisor for the  
9 Washington State House of Representatives; and

10           WHEREAS, Greg met and, in 1988, married the wonderful Michele  
11 Dorian, a terrific woman of great humor and even greater patience,  
12 who has somehow managed to stay married to Greg all of these years,  
13 beating the odds and surely earning some kind of sainthood for her  
14 sheer stick-with-itness, and they eventually settled in Mason County;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Greg promised Michele that he would leave the House and  
17 go and get a real job many, many times, but he somehow kept getting  
18 talked into staying and ended up in the Chief Clerk's Office for over  
19 22 years; and

20           WHEREAS, No one really knows what Greg did in the Chief Clerk's  
21 Office all those years, but, at the same time, no one can really  
22 imagine the Chief Clerk's Office working without him, as he has  
23 worked on everything from office coordination, computer support, data

1 updating, proofreading legislative documents, and serving the public  
2 both in person and on the phone with his tireless work and  
3 inexhaustible supplies of state government knowledge and goodwill;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Greg and Michele have two children, a wonderful daughter  
6 named Katy and another equally wonderful daughter named Sammi, and  
7 they have virtually grown up around the legislature and probably  
8 don't even know that the hijinks their father gets up to aren't  
9 technically a part of any specific legislative business; and

10 WHEREAS, Greg is a never-ending source of jokes, puns, weird  
11 trivia, anecdotes, and informal histories about what happened back in  
12 the day, all of which proves surprisingly useful in the fast-paced  
13 and stressful legislative work environment; and

14 WHEREAS, Greg's absolute inability to resist a dare has gotten  
15 him into trouble but also into fun many times with details that  
16 cannot be mentioned in light of good taste and strict decorum rules;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Greg is always first in line to volunteer his time and  
19 talents to numerous legislative projects, teambuilding, and  
20 charitable events, fundraising for a variety of good causes and even  
21 helping to build a house with Habitat for Humanity, still finding  
22 time to help host the National Conference of State Legislatures at  
23 least three times in Seattle; and

24 WHEREAS, Greg is a great conversationalist, making small talk or  
25 engaging in humorous exchanges, philosophical discourse, or sports  
26 lectures with anyone, from babies to the state patrol to dignitaries  
27 to clergy to sports stars, although always with the crucial ability  
28 to know which topics suit which audiences; and

29 WHEREAS, Greg can find funny monkey pictures to add and insert  
30 into any email on any subject, which is apropos to nothing, but he  
31 can, so why leave it out?; and

32 WHEREAS, In addition to knowing everything about how to do  
33 anything in the legislature, Greg also knows how to fix just about  
34 anything from eyeglasses to cars to cellphones and, if he can't fix  
35 it, he can at least break it worse; and

36 WHEREAS, Greg has been known to work miracles when providing  
37 meals for 98 hungry people working late, but is himself a picky

1 eater, in particular refusing to eat food prepared in a home with  
2 cats because you just know that cat hair gets into everything; and

3 WHEREAS, Greg is such a Seahawks fan that this whole resolution  
4 could be just about that, but it's not, because we're not getting him  
5 started on that right now or he'll never get to retire; and

6 WHEREAS, Greg has always shown grace under fire, handling  
7 pressure with a smile and laugh that you cannot forget; and

8 WHEREAS, Seriously, Greg has many friends on both sides of the  
9 aisle and both sides of the rotunda and all four floors of the  
10 Legislative Building and beyond who appreciate him and will greatly  
11 miss him;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
13 That Greg Payne be persuaded to change his mind and stay on for at  
14 least another decade or two; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if his continued employment with  
16 the House of Representatives cannot be secured, he should leave with  
17 the grateful thanks of each and every member, as well as countless  
18 staff, all of whom would identify themselves not just as his  
19 colleagues, but also as his friends; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Greg the best of times with  
21 his wonderful family and know that he will enjoy spending time with  
22 them at the lake, traveling the world, eating flat tacos from Jack in  
23 the Box, fixing and racing cars, boating, hiking, fishing, shrimping,  
24 crabbing, tinkering with things, and waging war against geese that  
25 befoul his lawn; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Greg will have the decency to return  
27 to us periodically so that, with this resolution, we do not say  
28 goodbye, but instead simply say see you later.

29 PRESENTED WITH HEARTFELT THANKS AND APPRECIATION ON THIS 26th DAY  
30 OF APRIL, 2019, ON BEHALF OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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32 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
33 Resolution 4639 adopted by the House of Representatives

34 April 26, 2019  
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk