

SENATE RESOLUTION

8633

By Senators Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, C. Wilson, and L. Wilson

1 WHEREAS, Brad Hendrickson began his storied career with the
2 Washington State Senate in 1982 as a bright-eyed and bowl-cut intern;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Having caught the legislative bug, Brad served as
5 Student Legislative Liaison for Western Washington University for the
6 1983 session; and

7 WHEREAS, After graduating college, Brad returned to the Senate in
8 1986 where he worked as an Associate Research Analyst, a Systems
9 Analyst, Staff Coordinator, Deputy Caucus Staff Director, Information
10 Systems Coordinator, Deputy Secretary of the Senate, and the
11 Secretary of the Senate; and

12 WHEREAS, After the January 20, 1993, Inaugural Day Storm caused
13 the Capitol Campus to lose power, Brad, serving as Deputy Secretary,
14 took part in the Senate's first - and hopefully only - pro forma
15 session by flashlight and candlelight; and

16 WHEREAS, Brad served during the 2001 earthquake that literally
17 shook the dome so badly it resulted in his planning an outdoor
18 session at the sundial and relocating members and staff for two years
19 while the legislative building was reinforced and remodeled; and

20 WHEREAS, Brad will be remembered as an integral member, Appointed
21 Principal and Secretary-Treasurer, of the American Society of
22 Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, hosting multiple nationwide
23 professional development seminars in Washington State; and

1 WHEREAS, Brad, or bRad, as his friends and colleagues in
2 ASLCS know him as, was infamous for his breadth of knowledge as
3 well as his ability to make friends with anyone in the room,
4 often using his balloon art skills to win over the most
5 unfriendly of colleagues; and

6 WHEREAS, Brad was awarded the 2019 Legislative Staff
7 Achievement Award for his work in supporting the legislative
8 process, improving the effectiveness of the legislative
9 institution and contributing to the work of ASLCS; and

10 WHEREAS, Brad's dedication to civic education and the
11 Washington State Legislative Internship Program was a priority
12 throughout his career as he mentored hundreds of interns as they
13 entered state government and annually reprised his role as the
14 esteemed host of intern Jeopardy!; and

15 WHEREAS, Brad helped plan and orchestrate the marriage
16 proposal of two legislative staffers taking place on the Senate
17 floor; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite his many pleas he was unfortunately never
19 able to convince Senate Security to use his preferred photo of a
20 young Brad Pitt as his Outlook contact photo; and

21 WHEREAS, In a memo on best leadership and management
22 practices, Brad noted that "Organizations, like individuals,
23 should constantly seek self-improvement. If it ain't broke, try
24 to make it even better"; and

25 WHEREAS, Brad exemplified how to be a public servant; and

26 WHEREAS, Brad's staff is confident he would want it noted
27 that during his tenure as Secretary, the legislature never once
28 entered into a special session; and

29 WHEREAS, Brad has spent approximately 3,542 days in session
30 during his career;

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
32 Senate express its deepest gratitude for the nearly 40 years of
33 service and sacrifice that Bradley J. Hendrickson has given to
34 both the Legislature and the State of Washington; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
36 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Brad
37 Hendrickson.

1 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
2 do hereby certify that this is a true and
3 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8633,
4 adopted by the Senate
5 January 12, 2022

6 SARAH BANNISTER
7 Secretary of the Senate