

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1991-8677**

By Senators Hayner, Gaspard, Amondson, Anderson, Bailey, Barr, Bauer, Bluechel, Cantu, Conner, Craswell, Erwin, Hansen, Jesernig, Johnson, Kreidler, Madsen, Matson, McCaslin, McDonald, McMullen, Metcalf, Moore, Murray, Nelson, Newhouse, Niemi, Oke, Owen, Patterson, Pelz, Rasmussen, Rinehart, Roach, Saling, Sellar, Skratek, A. Smith, L. Smith, Snyder, Stratton, Sutherland, Talmadge, Thorsness, Vognild, von Reichbauer, West, Williams and Wojahn

WHEREAS, Orrene Slemmer has served thirty consecutive sessions in the Washington State Senate and during that time has earned bipartisan respect for her role as Production Services Manager, a job that can only be compared to juggling high-speed bowling balls, and this she has done with the utmost grace, patience and expertise; and

WHEREAS, After Orrene graduated from West Valley High School with Sen. Ken Madsen and a few years after Sen. Gary Nelson, and after completion of business courses at Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, she preceded these distinguished citizens to the Washington State Senate, taking her place at a manual typewriter in a well-top desk for Sen. Karl V. Herrmann in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Orrene's role in the Senate has been one of the greatest integrity, the extreme of which was exhibited when she participated in the preparation of amendments by the now obsolete method of paper-clipping them to bills, and kept the precious few mimeographed copies of bills under lock and key, NO MATTER WHO WANTED THEM!; and

WHEREAS, Armed only with a manual typewriter, a mimeograph and her own perseverance, Orrene produced thousands of letters during early morning, late night and weekend sessions, long after even the members had gone home, to ensure that constituents received top quality, personal communication from their legislators; and

WHEREAS, When the manual typewriter and mimeograph gave way to the computer, and members' mailings multiplied, Orrene still considered it her personal responsibility to maintain the highest degree of quality in each printed communication to constituents; and

WHEREAS, Orrene has numerous and demanding responsibilities, not the least of which is distributing employee paychecks, and Orrene, with her perpetual smile and cheery greeting, faithfully performed that function every 10th and 25th day of each month; and

WHEREAS, Orrene's tenure with the Senate would have been a test to any person's stamina, yet her special personal strength, compassion and understanding have reached beyond her own staff to touch the lives of people she doesn't even know;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members here assembled honor and congratulate Orrene Slemmer for her many years of service to the Washington State Senate, and extend their very best wishes for an active, healthy, and happy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Orrene Slemmer.

I, Gordon A. Golob, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1991-8677, adopted by the Senate April 26, 1991.

GORDON A. GOLOB
Secretary of the Senate