

SENATE RESOLUTION  
1991-8701

By Senators Snyder, Sellar, Rasmussen and Gaspard

WHEREAS, Margaret Josephine Hurley served the city of Spokane and the state of Washington with dignity and honor for 31 illustrious years in the Washington State Legislature from 1953 through 1984, as a member of the House of Representatives from 1953 until her election to the Senate in 1979; and

WHEREAS, The Hurley tradition in our state's legislature dates back to the 1938 election of her husband Joseph to the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, For years, Senator Hurley valiantly fought against a state income tax, only to shock her colleagues and cause uncontrollable laughter when, on the eve of her retirement, she so sweetly and innocently asked, "Just what is wrong with an income tax?"; and

WHEREAS, Her efforts to block freeways in her beloved Lilac City were so successful they caused Rep. Geraldine McCormick to frantically end a phone conversation with Senator Lorraine Wojahn, because it would take the representative a whole hour just to travel cross-town to meet the good senator; and

WHEREAS, Margaret is a most noble and gracious daughter of Ireland and exemplifies all that is good, kind and fun-loving in her Irish heritage and as such she ensured that each St. Patrick's Day, birthday and Sine Die in the Washington State Legislature was celebrated with unrivaled zest and merriment, in which her own songs, legendary singing voice, stories and personality played a vital part; and

WHEREAS, Margaret fought for more and better public parks throughout the Evergreen State and particularly in the Inland Empire as chair of the House Parks and Recreation Committee and as long-time member of both House and Senate Parks Committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hurley probably has celebrated as many 39th birthdays as any elected official in our state's history, has continued her intense passion and gusto for life and all its wonders and is now embarking on a new adventure at a ripe young age she will never reveal;

WHEREAS, Margaret met Leonard "Pete" Peterson about ten years ago aboard the "Love Boat" cruise ship and, two years later, "Pete" moved to Spokane to be with her, at which time the Senator retired to spend more time with "Pete";

WHEREAS, The happy couple took painting classes together and now spend 4 to 5 hours a day painting lovely water colors together;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of Washington that the Senate honor and congratulate Senator Margaret Josephine Hurley and Leonard "Pete" Peterson as they exchange wedding vows, Sunday, June 30, 1991, in a small chapel behind St. Aloysius Church in Spokane;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate wishes the newly weds all the best as they spend their romantic honeymoon in Hawaii, and expresses its most heartfelt hope for a long, happy and loving life together.

I, Gordon A. Golob, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1991-8701,  
adopted by the Senate June 27, 1991.

GORDON A. GOLOB  
Secretary of the Senate