

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1998-8732**

By Senators Schow, Heavey, Fraser, Winsley, Benton, B. Sheldon, Newhouse, Anderson, Prentice, Franklin, McDonald, Kline, Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Bauer, Wojahn, Oke, Fairley, Johnson, Spanel, Hargrove, Kohl, Snyder, Prince, Deccio, Thibaudeau, Zarelli, Long, Hochstatter, Stevens, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Roach, Haugen, Morton, Strannigan, Goings, McCaslin, Brown, West, McAuliffe, Loveland and Horn

WHEREAS, Patrick Woods has served the Washington State Senate for over fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Woods left the Emerald Isle without losing his singing voice or the gift of blarney; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Woods has blessed the Senate with his beautiful singing voice, his speechifying, his generosity of spirit, and his skills as researcher, analyst, committee coordinator, and all-around fixer; and

WHEREAS, Patrick's smile and warmth bring even more joy to others than his singing; and

WHEREAS, Patrick has exemplified the helpfulness, the service, and the commitment to excellence that has set the standard for Senate employees; and

WHEREAS, Patrick has been in one institution or another since he was fourteen; and

WHEREAS, Patrick will now be leaving the institution of the Senate for a new career challenge at the Department of Labor and Industries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of Washington, That:

From Ireland came young Patrick Woods

To the Senate, so he could do good

He'd so often sing

The rotunda'd ring

We'd keep him if we possibly could; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That:

An Irishman named Woods came out West;

To the Senate, where he gave his best.

Fifteen years of his skills,

On commerce/labor ills,

Put his merry nature to the test; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That:

Patrick long served the C & L Committee

Where he was very urbane and witty

If he disliked your bill

With a song he would kill:

"There's always next year, 'tis a pity"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That:
With each issue he went the full mile.
Knowing good research would take a while.
Yet he found time to croon;
A St. Paddy's Day tune.

To the joy of us needing a smile; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That:
For our well-being he'll always care
His high hopes for us all he will share
We should strive to be
Cheerful, happy like he
Professional, compassionate, and fair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That:
Our friend Patrick's departure is nigh
And without him, we'll have to get by
But we find some relief
In our solid belief:
Things will n'er be the same at L & I; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Patrick Woods and his family.

I, Mike O'Connell, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1998-8732,
adopted by the Senate March 11, 1998.

MIKE O'CONNELL
Secretary of the Senate