

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
8711**

*By Senator Regala, Franklin, Snyder, West, Sheldon, B., McCaslin, Rasmussen, Spanel, Johnson and Kastama*

*WHEREAS, Dave De Forrest was a friend, a colleague and a public servant in the truest sense; and*

*WHEREAS, Although Dave did not marry or have children, he found family in his community and his work; and*

*WHEREAS, He became a champion of East Tacoma residents, having founded and served as president of the Greater McKinley Booster Association; and*

*WHEREAS, His community activism led him to public office as a member of the Tacoma City Council; and*

*WHEREAS, As a council member, he fought for the underdog and worked diligently to help ensure that government remained as open and accessible as possible; and*

*WHEREAS, When Dave cast the lone dissenting vote on an issue, which happened with some frequency, it was never a matter of being petty or personal, it was a matter of what was for him the right thing to do; and*

*WHEREAS, He was hard-working, humble, intelligent, trustworthy and without pretension; and*

*WHEREAS, Dave shunned accolades, believing that no one should expect attention for simply doing a job well; and*

*WHEREAS, Dave himself read many a resolution serving as Senate reader in 1987; and*

*WHEREAS, His Senate service, which began in 1980, also included the jobs of chauffeur, assistant sergeant at arms and senior supply clerk; and*

*WHEREAS, While he was a very private person, Dave was generous and kind, and always willing to lend a hand when needed; and*

*WHEREAS, After more than a year of cancer treatment, Dave De Forrest passed away on July 11, 2001, and his spirit and dedication on the Capitol Campus and Tacoma will truly be missed;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and honor the great life and commitment to public service of our colleague, Dave De Forrest; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Dave De Forrest's brothers and sisters, Diane Langer, Deborah Taylor, Duane De Forrest, Dwight De Forrest and Maynard De Forrest.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8711, adopted by the Senate July 20, 2001.*

**TONY M. COOK**

*Secretary of the Senate*