

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
8772**

*Sponsored by Senators Haugen, Spanel, Sheldon, B., Benton, Brown, Carlson, Costa, Deccio, Eide, Fairley, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Fraser, Gardner, Hale, Hargrove, Hewitt, Hochstatter, Honeyford, Horn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Kastama, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Long, McAuliffe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morton, Oke, Parlette, Poulsen, Prentice, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rossi, Sheahan, Sheldon, T., Shin, Snyder, Stevens, Swecker, Thibaudeau, West, Winsley, and Zarelli*

*WHEREAS, In 1951, Washington State Ferries, formerly known as the Washington Toll Bridge Authority, recognized that ferries were a life line to many communities; and*

*WHEREAS, Washington State Ferries (WSF), created to meet the growing demand for reliable ferry service, is the largest ferry system in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, The ferry system serves Pierce, King, Snohomish, Kitsap, Skagit, Island, San Juan, and Jefferson counties and provides additional service to British Columbia, Canada; and*

*WHEREAS, In 1985, Michael Terry– McCarthy began his tenure with Washington State Ferries as superintendent of finance and administration; and*

*WHEREAS, Terry, as he is most commonly referred to, epitomizes the finest qualities in a public service executive, as he has an infinite capacity for hard work, vision and talent; and*

*WHEREAS, McCarthy's steady and focused leadership provided stability during times of transition and difficult challenges; and*

*WHEREAS, Terry is always willing to assist legislators by agreeing to talk to any audience about ferries, no matter where they are or how antagonistic they might become; and*

*WHEREAS, His grasp of WSF operations, budget and the legislative process has proved pivotal in policy and operational matters; and*

*WHEREAS, On October 24, 2001, Washington State Ferries presented McCarthy with an award for his thirty years of state service; and*

*WHEREAS, The entire WSF organization, including the WSF executive team, thanks Terry McCarthy for his many years of leadership, vision and dedicated service in his roles as finance and administration superintendent, acting director/CEO, and finally as deputy director;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize Terry McCarthy for his commitment and dedication to the state and wish him the best of luck in his retirement; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Terry McCarthy, Deputy Director of the Washington State Ferries; Michael G. Thorne, CEO of the Washington State Ferries; Douglas B. MacDonald, Secretary of Transportation; and Christopher Marr, Chair of the Washington State Transportation Commission.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8772,*

*adopted by the Senate March 1, 2002.*

***TONY M. COOK***

*Secretary of the Senate*