

SENATE RESOLUTION

8727

By Senators Pedersen, Padden, and Wagoner

1           WHEREAS, K. Kyle Thiessen of Olympia, Washington is retiring  
2 after a 30-year career in legislative service; and

3           WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen graduated from Western Washington  
4 University in 1975, and went on to receive his juris doctor from the  
5 University of Washington in 1978; and

6           WHEREAS, After graduation Kyle Thiessen worked as an attorney  
7 with the Municipal Research and Services Center, providing legal  
8 research for Washington's local governments; and

9           WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen began his employment in 1988 with the  
10 state of Washington as an attorney for the Code Reviser's Office; and

11           WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen became the state's third code reviser in  
12 2005; and

13           WHEREAS, Legislative staff have benefited for years from Kyle  
14 Thiessen's thorough research into gadgets and miscellanea, which he  
15 has been more than happy to share in no less than twenty minute  
16 increments; and

17           WHEREAS, The loss of Kyle Thiessen's quick wit and excellent  
18 sense of humor will be sorely missed; and

19           WHEREAS, A retired dictionary editor likely still has nightmares  
20 about Kyle Thiessen's campaign—ultimately successful—to have the  
21 word "doofus" added to the dictionary; and

1           WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen is a frequent traveler to New York  
2 and London, where he enjoys watching shows both on and off  
3 Broadway and the West End; and

4           WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen and his wife, Sara, have long shown  
5 hospitality to exchange students, opening their home to help  
6 welcome them to Washington state; and

7           WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen once exhibited his skill and bravery  
8 as a mountaineer by once standing three feet from a mountain  
9 goat on the summit of Mt. Ellinor; and

10          WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen is a former curler, and staffers have  
11 learned that he is more than willing to talk about his  
12 experiences on the ice. More. Than. Willing; and

13          WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen was a longstanding teammate and  
14 mentor to the Senate staff softball team, always the most  
15 knowledgeable member of the team about softball and baseball  
16 rules and quite often understanding these rules better than the  
17 umpire assigned to the game; and

18          WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen was a late convert to golf and, while  
19 no Tiger Woods, enjoys it immensely and is most likely to be  
20 found on the golf course during retirement; and

21          WHEREAS, Kyle Thiessen is a founding member and multiple  
22 champion of the original capitol campus rotisserie baseball  
23 league; and

24          WHEREAS, Kyle has provided many years of dedicated service  
25 to the state and has served as mentor, colleague, and friend to  
26 not only the staff of the Code Reviser's Office but to all  
27 legislative staff on the capitol campus; his example has  
28 inspired many people to devote their careers to public service;

29          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
30 Senate thank and commend K. Kyle Thiessen for his distinguished  
31 career of public service and the lasting impact he will leave on  
32 the law of Washington state.

33 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
34 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
35 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8727,  
36 adopted by the Senate

1 March 3, 2018

2 BRAD HENDRICKSON

3 Secretary of the Senate