

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4697, by Representatives Jinkins, Stokesbary, Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cheney, Chopp, Christian, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Nance, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Wylie, and Ybarra

1 WHEREAS, Isaac I. Stevens was the first governor of what was then
2 the Washington Territory, and he designated Olympia as the capital in
3 1853 since he was already staying at the Courtyard by Marriott so it
4 was pretty convenient and would be even more so once I-5 was built,
5 and he was tired of traipsing around the state looking for capitals;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Olympia continued to serve as the capital after
8 Washington became the 42nd and, if we're being honest, best state in
9 our union in 1889; and

10 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives would meet to debate policy
11 and pass laws, but everyone noticed that not a lot of work was really
12 getting done out in the chamber, so they decided that what they
13 needed was a room where that work could get done, and someone said,
14 "Hey, we should just call it the Workroom," so that's what they did;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Many decades later, while all her schoolmates were
17 dreaming of going to the moon or becoming president, a young Maureen
18 Mueller, set her sights even higher, deciding that she would leave
19 her native Orange County, California, and become the supervisor of
20 that Workroom; and

21 WHEREAS, Everyone discouraged Maureen from her dream of being in
22 that Workroom because everyone knew that the hours were crazy and the

1 coffee was terrible, but Maureen knew that they could not see past
2 the chaos of Session into the splendor of Interim; and

3 WHEREAS, After first working in software in San Francisco, she
4 moved to Washington and came to work in the House, beginning first as
5 session Committee Legislative Assistant for the Office of Program
6 Research in December 1995 for the 1996 and 1997 sessions; after which
7 OPR wisely hired her on a permanent basis in 1999; but even then she
8 knew that was not her true calling and she could see firsthand that
9 the Workroom was in need of some major, well, work; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2010, Maureen finally fulfilled her destiny of
11 working in the Workroom as Workroom Coordinator, promoting to
12 Workroom Supervisor in 2016 and immediately setting to work sorting
13 everything out and spending extra time on what are legally known as
14 "the fiddly bits" of legislative paperwork that you probably never
15 paid attention to but, oh boy, you'd sure notice in a hurry if she
16 wasn't there making that stuff work out; and

17 WHEREAS, This is as good a time as any to remark that no one here
18 really calls her Maureen because she is affectionately known as Moe,
19 which is why you could be forgiven if you didn't know who Maureen is
20 because you were thinking of a Moe who did all those crucial things
21 for the House; and

22 WHEREAS, Not a lot is known about Maureen's home life, as no one
23 even thought to check if she even ever leaves the Workroom until we
24 started putting this resolution together, but in all seriousness, as
25 well as devoting substantial time and energy to the House, she and
26 her husband Warren raised two children, Malorie (Malley) and Aleksei
27 (Alex); are loving grandparents to their grandson Robert (Bertie);
28 and find time to restore historic homes and travel the world,
29 including Thailand, Morocco, China, Egypt, Greece, Germany, Cambodia,
30 and France. Further, she clearly never sleeps because she routinely
31 prepares amazing cuisine and treats to sustain the Workroom and
32 rostrum staff through 20-hour floor sessions; and

33 WHEREAS, Moe has bizarrely decided to leave her beloved Workroom
34 and retire to another beloved place in France, which is probably a
35 lot like the Workroom only with everything in French and less rainy;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, Everyone should be very happy for Moe's retirement, and
38 we would be, except there's still the matter of all those fiddly bits

1 in the Workroom that she handles, and that stuff is still going to
2 need to get done while she's off galivanting around in France;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
4 hereby direct the Chief Clerk to look into Moe's paperwork and take
5 such steps as may be necessary or advisable to deny her retirement;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That whatever must be done to prevail
8 upon Moe to stay on in her Workroom for just a couple more decades be
9 done, including maybe getting her some Yoplait or something so it
10 feels a little like France in there; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if Moe cannot be made to stay on,
12 then we reluctantly wish her the best and urge everyone to join with
13 us to celebrate and honor the life, legacy, work, service, and
14 general awesomeness of Maureen Mueller.

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16 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
17 Resolution 4697 adopted by the House of Representatives
18 March 6, 2024
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk