SENATE RESOLUTION 1991-8706

By Senators Craswell, Amondson, Anderson, Bailey, Barr, Bauer, Bluechel, Cantu, Conner, Erwin, Gaspard, Hansen, Hayner, Jesernig, Johnson, Kreidler, Madsen, Matson, McCaslin, McDonald, McMullen, Metcalf, Moore, Murray, Nelson, Newhouse, Niemi, Oke, Owen, Patterson, Pelz, Rasmussen, Rinehart, Roach, Sellar, Skratek, A. Smith, L. Smith, Snyder, Sutherland, Talmadge, Thorsness, Vognild, von Reichbauer, West, Williams and Wojahn

WHEREAS, Adele Ferguson was the first woman political correspondent to arrive in the capitol thirty years ago; and

WHEREAS, Adele's syndicated column appears in daily and weekly newspapers across the state and is 'must reading for legislators and opinion leaders' according to a published report; and

WHEREAS, Published reports describe Adele as an 'influential, blunt and fun part of the legislative process;' and

WHEREAS, Adele's peer in a published report said 'she has the most marvelous skill in getting at the guts of an issue;' and

WHEREAS, Adele is characterized in a recent article as 'refreshing -- a straight shooter who doesn't pull any punches;' and

WHEREAS, In a recent published report, Adele unapologetically describes herself as a conservative -- proof positive, she says, that the press isn't all a bunch of liberals; and

WHEREAS, A recent article reports that Adele can 'cuss like a logger, drink like a sailor and tell off-color jokes;'

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate does hereby dismiss all of these published accounts due to their total lack of objectivity and accuracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate hereby formally adopts another view of Adele Ferguson, that of a warm, lovable and caring human being dedicated to the democratic process and a true "state treasure"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That as Adele discontinues her daily coverage of the Capitol scene, her legions of friends and admirers admit that they will sorely miss her daily, unbiased reports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if Adele should retire from journalism, that the Washington State Senate hereby encourages her to run for public office -- she deserves it.

I, Gordon A. Golob, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1991-8706, adopted by the Senate June 30, 1991.