

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1993-8618**

By Senators McCaslin, McDonald, L. Smith, Erwin, Prince, Snyder, Roach, Nelson, West, Moore, Oke, Gaspard, Bluechel, Hochstatter, Anderson, Barr, Amondson, Owen, Cantu, Sutherland, Sellar, Deccio, von Reichbauer, Talmadge, Rinehart, Moyer, Williams, Skratek, Pelz, Niemi, Vognild, Jesernig, Haugen, Quigley, Spanel, Bauer, Drew, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, Loveland, McAuliffe, Newhouse, Prentice, Rasmussen, Sheldon, A. Smith, Winsley and Wojahn

WHEREAS, John Rico joined the Washington State Senate as Chief of Staff of the Senate Republican Caucus in May of 1985; and

WHEREAS, John has ably assisted the senators of the Republican Caucus in conducting the state's business during each year's legislative session with an inimitable blend of calm, gentle prodding and counsel; and

WHEREAS, John Rico has worked hard to create an atmosphere of professionalism among the staff of the Senate Republican Caucus; and

WHEREAS, John has been a driving force in cultivating pride of excellent workmanship within the Senate Republican Caucus Staff; and

WHEREAS, John has freely shared his wisdom, wit and charm with staff and Senators from both sides of the political aisle; and

WHEREAS, John's unique sense of humor has made working with him a great pleasure; and

WHEREAS, John Rico's considerable victories in the political arena pale by comparison to the fight he has been engaged in since learning he must battle the AIDS virus; and

WHEREAS, The members and staff who have had the pleasure of working with John admire him all the more for the dignity and courage he has shown in the face of this greatest of personal challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate do hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to John Rico for all that he has contributed to this institution, its members and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That with great respect and admiration the members of the Senate, on behalf of the staff and former members who have worked with you, wish you comfort and strength in your battle against AIDS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to John Rico and Mrs. Pat Rico.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1993-8618,
adopted by the Senate March 10, 1993.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate