

SENATE RESOLUTION

8656

By Senator Padden

1 WHEREAS, Salvatore (Sam) F. Cozza has passed away following a
2 combined 26 years of distinguished service as a judge on the Spokane
3 County Superior Court and District Court benches; and

4 WHEREAS, Before embarking on a career in law, Judge Cozza
5 attended Gonzaga Preparatory School, continued his Jesuit education
6 at Gonzaga University graduating with a degree in history, and was a
7 loyal and ardent Zags fan; and

8 WHEREAS, Following graduation from the University of Washington
9 School of Law, Judge Cozza served as a Spokane County deputy
10 prosecutor for 10 years, during which time he married his wife, Megan
11 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Spokane; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1990, Judge Cozza ran and was elected to the Spokane
13 County District Court bench; in 1996, he ran and was elected to the
14 Spokane County Superior Court bench, a position he held for the
15 remainder of his life; and, beginning in 2014, Judge Cozza served as
16 presiding judge for three years; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to his outstanding reputation as a legal
18 professional, Judge Cozza was proud of his Italian Heritage, a
19 dedicated husband, son, friend, and father to his three children, as
20 well as a faithful Catholic; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Judge Cozza served as chair of
22 the Superior Court Judges' Association's Criminal Law & Rules
23 Committee, as a member of the Superior Court Judges' Association's

1 Legislative Committee, as a former member of the Board of
2 Governors for the District & Municipal Court Judges'
3 Association, former chair of the Court Rules Committee of the
4 District & Municipal Court Judges' Association, and as a member
5 of the Time for Trial Task Force; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Judge Cozza embodied
7 the words displayed on his bench: "Attentiveness, Patience,
8 Fairness, Completeness - Don't rush the process or the
9 decision;"

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
11 Senate honor the life of Judge Salvatore (Sam) F. Cozza, and
12 recognize his outstanding career and dedication to the
13 communities he served.

14 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
15 do hereby certify that this is a true and
16 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8656,
17 adopted by the Senate
18 April 18, 2017

19 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
20 Secretary of the Senate