

SENATE RESOLUTION
8657

By Senators Parlette, Berkey, Swecker, Clements, Morton, Delvin, Shin, Rasmussen, Brown, Kastama, Keiser, Honeyford, McCaslin, Carrell, Pflug, Regala, Hatfield, Fraser and Spanel

WHEREAS, Washington's apple industry is a major contributor to the economic health of both the State and its people; and

WHEREAS, The City of Wenatchee is preparing to celebrate the 88th annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from April 26 through May 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival, which began as a one-day gathering of poetry and song in Wenatchee's Memorial Park, is one of the oldest major festivals in the state, first celebrated in 1919 when Mrs. E. Wagner organized the first Blossom Day; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival celebrates the importance of the apple industry in the Wenatchee Valley and its environs; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival recognizes three young women who by their superior and distinctive efforts have exemplified the spirit and meaning of the Apple Blossom Festival; and

WHEREAS, These three young women are selected to reign over the Apple Blossom Festival and serve as ambassadors to the outlying communities as Princesses and Queen; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Roberts has been selected to represent her community as a 2007 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her fun, outgoing nature, positive attitude and strong faith, as well as her involvement in extracurricular activities including varsity cheerleading, Vice-President of Key Club, member of National Honor Society, natural helpers, and jazz choir; and

WHEREAS, Mikel Stanaway has been selected to represent her community as a 2007 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her participation in numerous extracurricular activities including ASB secretary, school senator, student ambassador to Japan, and participation in the running start program; through which her calm demeanor and ability to serve humbly make her an asset to any team; and

WHEREAS, Laura DeCamp has been selected to represent her community as the 2007 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her participation in extracurricular activities including being captain of the varsity cheer squad, leader of a mini cheer camp, member of spirit club, and teens against tobacco use, and member of varsity soccer and tennis teams, and her participation in school activities as an academic challenge participant; in addition to her strong sense of self, positive attitude, and passion for helping and encouraging others; and

WHEREAS, These three young women all desire to utilize their unique leadership capabilities to humbly serve their communities and be a blessing to those they meet;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple Blossom Festival Court and join the City of Wenatchee and the people of the State of Washington in celebrating the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Queen Laura DeCamp, Princess Mikel Stanaway, Princess Courtney Roberts, and the Board of Directors and Chairpeople of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8657,
adopted by the Senate
March 13, 2007

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate