

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92-4740, by Representatives Rayburn, Inslee, Edmondson, Lisk and Neher

WHEREAS, A State Fair is an honored and vivacious remembrance in our nation's collective fascination; and
WHEREAS, Each year, farm families and city kin excitedly await a State Fair's bounteous displays proudly set in late summer and early autumn days; and

WHEREAS, In 1892, one hundred years ago this month, the Legislature awarded the city of Yakima the honor and responsibility of hosting Washington's first, and for many years, only State Fair; and

WHEREAS, The first State Fair of Washington was held in Yakima two years later and the gala milestone in state history boasted a two thousand seat grandstand, a racetrack, an exhibit hall, one hundred horse stalls, and a judging stand three stories high; and

WHEREAS, Try as they might, Western Washington legislators were unsuccessful in removing State Fair money from the budget in 1932; and

WHEREAS, In 1932, legislators from Yakima and other Central Washington communities were diplomatic in agreeing to the need for road and bridge money on the west side of the Cascade Mountains; and

WHEREAS, The last State Fair of Washington was held in Yakima in 1936, and the first Central Washington State Fair was held in Yakima three years later; and

WHEREAS, Today, men and women from the livestock and agriculture industries, Grange organizations, and other concerns are working with boys and girls from the Future Farmers of America and 4-H groups to make the Central Washington State Fair a grand celebration beyond even the dreams of a century past; and

WHEREAS, Later this year, September 25 through October 3, thousands of proud exhibitors from all over the state, the Pacific Northwest, and Canada will again fill the halls and stalls of the Central Washington State Fairgrounds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington salute the Central Washington State Fair Association as the esteemed and steadfast keeper of our one hundred year State Fair tradition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the members of the Central Washington State Fair Association's Board of Directors and to the management and staff of the Central Washington State Fair Association.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4740 adopted by the House of Representatives

February 19, 1992.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk