

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94-4689, by Representatives Lemmon, J. Kohl, Kessler, G. Cole, Veloria, Edmondson, L. Johnson, Karahalios, Carlson, H. Myers, Cothorn, Rayburn, Leonard, Orr, Heavey, Jacobsen, Ogden, Grant, Peery, Patterson, Caver, Thibaudeau, Eide, Long, Chandler, Cooke, Dyer, Horn, Foreman, Jones and Anderson

WHEREAS, Washington state has become as well known for its coffee industry as it is for its apples; and

WHEREAS, Coffee is the second largest traded commodity in the world providing Washington a significant economic capacity builder through increasing international trade, expanding entrepreneurial opportunities, and attracting tourists; and

WHEREAS, John Blackwell and Kent Bakke, of Espresso Specialists in Seattle, established the first espresso cart in Washington a decade ago under the Seattle Center Monorail; and

WHEREAS, Seattle boasts a first of its kind, nationally distributed magazine concentrating exclusively on coffee and espresso and is known as the coffee capital of the world; and

WHEREAS, There are six thousand commercial espresso machines providing Washingtonians with over one million espresso drinks weekly; and

WHEREAS, The espresso industry has given a tremendous boost to the state dairy industry since the average espresso cart uses eight to twenty gallons of milk a day and twenty-five pounds of coffee a week; and

WHEREAS, Millstone Coffee, based in Everett, roasts two million pounds of beans monthly and distributes to more than four thousand five hundred grocery stores in forty-six states; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to Burgess Enterprises, the top importer and distributor of the Faema brand Italian espresso machine; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's Best Coffee exports its coffee to over one thousand five hundred customers world-wide; and

WHEREAS, Starbucks operates over two hundred seventy coffee shops nation-wide; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to Espresso Specialists, one of the first and largest importers of the La Marzocco and Rio Italian espresso machines for the U.S.A.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That February 2, 1994, be designated as Washington State Coffee Day.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4689 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 2, 1994.

Marilyn Showalter, Chief Clerk