

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
1995-8612**

By Senators Swecker, Fraser and Owen

WHEREAS, The legislature is honored to recognize historical events; and

WHEREAS, It took individuals and families with great courage to embark on a journey on the Oregon Trail; and

WHEREAS, The party of settlers in the Simmons wagon train are particularly notable due to the fact that this group made their home in what is now the City of Tumwater; and

WHEREAS, The Simmons party leaders consisted of Michael T. Simmons, George Washington Bush, Gabriel Jones, James McAllister, David Kindred, Jesse Ferguson, and Samuel Crockett; and

WHEREAS, This intrepid group traveled north in 1845 to establish the first permanent American settlement north of the Columbia River, and were instrumental in gaining national attention for the settlement of the Puget Sound Country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington recognize and honor the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the City of Tumwater, and that city's forefathers' pioneer spirit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Mayor of Tumwater and to the Tumwater Pioneer Wagon Train group.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8612,  
adopted by the Senate February 10, 1995.

MARTY BROWN  
Secretary of the Senate