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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8410

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By Senators Horn, Rossi, Johnson, McDonald, Winsley, Rasmussen and Swecker

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1       WHEREAS, At 6:00 a.m. on the morning of July 17, 1897, the *S.S.*  
2 *Portland* steamed into Seattle from St. Michael, Alaska, through Puget  
3 Sound with more than a ton of gold on board; and

4       WHEREAS, News of gold in Canada's Yukon captured the imagination of  
5 the world turning a sleepy frontier town on Puget Sound into the  
6 "gateway to the Klondike" making it, for the time, the liveliest town  
7 in America; and

8       WHEREAS, The city of Seattle and the surrounding region owe their  
9 growth to the gold rush fever brought on by the Klondike gold rush of  
10 1897-1898 which brought tens of thousands of people to the far north  
11 corner of the United States; and

12       WHEREAS, On July 19, 1997, the *Spirit of '98* will reenact the  
13 arrival of the *S.S. Portland* one hundred years and two days after the  
14 original landing, an effort begun two years ago by the board of  
15 directors of the Klondike Centennial Committee of Washington, together  
16 with the Klondike Centennial Committee of Alaska, the Office of the  
17 Secretary of State, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and private  
18 business who are also working on a variety of other events and  
19 activities; and

20       WHEREAS, The Klondike Centennial celebration activities are being  
21 coordinated by the Klondike Centennial Committees of Alaska, British

1 Columbia, the Yukon, and Washington to ensure the recognition of a  
2 significant event in the history of the United States and Canada;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
4 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That "The Rush is  
5 On," and, in honor of our forbearers, pioneers whose toughness,  
6 tenacity, and spirit of adventure have come to characterize the  
7 Evergreen State, the year commencing July 1997, is proclaimed the  
8 "Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Year"; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
10 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Office of  
11 the Secretary of State, the Klondike Centennial Committee of  
12 Washington, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and each of the Klondike  
13 Centennial Committees of Alaska, British Columbia, and the Yukon.

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