

SENATE RESOLUTION
8615

By Senators Esser, Eide, Franklin, Fraser, Hale, Horn, McCaslin, Sheahan, B. Sheldon, Johnson, Doumit, Kohl-Welles, Schmidt and Deccio

WHEREAS, There are 200 local Chambers of Commerce in the state of Washington representing approximately 54,000 small businesses which, in turn, employ over 2,800,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Chambers raise over \$25,000,000 annually for local community enrichment projects, involving more than 14,000 volunteers who give generously of their time and talent; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Chambers managed in excess of 3,000,000 visitor and relocation inquiries last year, and at the same time served over 30,000 businesses seeking information about locating their companies in our state; and

WHEREAS, During 2002, approximately 250 new businesses opened their doors in Washington, assisted by their local Chamber of Commerce, creating more than 5,000 new jobs for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chambers of Commerce across Washington State have served their local communities with distinction, dedication, and dignity enhancing the state's economy and improving the quality of life for its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate officially recognize the invaluable work local Chambers of Commerce provide both the economy and the citizens of this state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington D.C.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8615,
adopted by the Senate
February 4, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate