

SENATE RESOLUTION
8620

By Senators Parlette, Prentice, McAuliffe, Shin, Sheahan, Rossi, Poulsen, Rasmussen, Horn, Hale, Schmidt, Esser, Reardon, Jacobsen, T. Sheldon, Fraser, Haugen, Johnson, Mulliken, B. Sheldon and Spanel

WHEREAS, Apples have been the leading crop in terms of revenue generation in Washington State for twelve of the past thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Pears grown in the Northwest account for 90 percent of the nation's fresh winter pears; and

WHEREAS, With roughly 100,000 tons produced annually, more sweet cherries are grown in Washington than any other state in the union; and

WHEREAS, The Washington tree fruit industry adds approximately 53,000 jobs to the state economy annually, which generates roughly \$356 million in wages for Washington workers; and

WHEREAS, Over a third of all apples grown in Washington are exported out of state, with a significant portion going to Mexico and Taiwan via the ports of Seattle and Tacoma; and

WHEREAS, Washington tree fruit is sold in all 50 states and more than 40 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Washington tree fruit producers have been at the forefront of developing the latest technologies in mating disruption and IPM techniques in their orchards to combat pests; and

WHEREAS, Washington tree fruit producers are outstanding representatives of the agricultural profession in the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington hereby designate the day February 12, 2003, as "Tree Fruit Day" in the State of Washington and call upon the people of Washington to participate fittingly in its observance to recognize the men and women in the state who have helped make Washington's tree fruit industry as successful as it is; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Barclay Crane, President of the Washington State Horticultural Association, and Warren Morgan, Past-President of the Washington State Horticultural Association.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8620,
adopted by the Senate
February 14, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate