SENATE RESOLUTION 8666

By Senators Fraser, Carlson, Benton, Morton, Prentice, Kohl-Welles, Esser, Jacobsen, Regala, Brandland, Fairley, Hale, Stevens, Mulliken, Hewitt, Finkbeiner, Kastama, Parlette, Winsley, Kline, Honeyford, Reardon, Keiser, Eide, Schmidt, Doumit, Franklin, Brown, Deccio, Johnson, Rossi, Shin, Poulsen, Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Haugen, B. Sheldon, Spanel, Thibaudeau, Horn and Roach

WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 22, 2003, is the 33rd anniversary of Earth Day, a day of recognition founded by residents of the state of Washington that is now celebrated throughout the nation and in many parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, Washington is blessed with quality, liveable communities that are surrounded by the beauty and richness of abundant and diverse natural resources; spectacular mountain ranges; marine waters and shorelines of the Pacific Ocean and Puget Sound; rich and diverse forests; the mighty Columbia and many other significant rivers; wide prairies and rich agricultural lands; innumerable and delightful lakes and streams; abundant ground water; safe drinking water; clean and healthy air; native fish and wildlife; migratory birds and whales; and a vast array of plant life; and

WHEREAS, Washington is equally blessed with thoughtful, caring citizens who appreciate these natural resources for their beauty, and depend on them for their intrinsic, economic, recreational, and inspirational values; and

WHEREAS, Washington has been a national leader in citizen involvement and business development in environmental quality, cooperative natural resource management, waste reduction and recycling, toxic and nuclear cleanup, and energy conservation; and

WHEREAS, In commemoration of Earth Day, tens of thousands of Washington residents will participate in events that will educate citizens concerning our state's natural resources and activities that enhance these resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of Washington, that appreciation is expressed to those who are volunteering their time and talents to organize or participate in Earth Day activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all citizens are encouraged to use the occasion of Earth Day to renew their commitments to responsible stewardship of Washington's unique, wonderful, and rich natural resources and to participate in the many planned activities in communities throughout the state.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8666, adopted by the Senate April 21, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR. Secretary of the Senate