

SENATE RESOLUTION
8706

By Senators Rasmussen, Fraser, Sheahan, Johnson, Swecker, Brandland, McCaslin, Zarelli, Hewitt, Murray, Benton, Morton, Parlette, Deccio, Roach, Mulliken, Schmidt, Carlson, Stevens, Horn, Honeyford, Pflug, Hale, Franklin, Spanel, Haugen, Kastama, Prentice and McAuliffe

WHEREAS, There are approximately 600 family dairy farms in Washington State with approximately 244,000 dairy cows; and

WHEREAS, The average herd size in Washington State is approximately 380 cows; and

WHEREAS, Washington State ranks 9th in total milk production in the United States with 5.6 billion pounds annually; and

WHEREAS, Per cow production in Washington State ranks second in the United States with 22,753 pounds of milk and 835 pounds of butterfat; and

WHEREAS, Washington dairy farmers are recognized within the industry as being the most efficient and technologically advanced farmers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Milk processing jobs help to expand employment in Washington State – every 1 million dollars in finished milk product is responsible for 20 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Dairying was ranked the second largest agricultural commodity in Washington State in 2002 with a value of over 674 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, The annual economic effect of dairy farming in Washington is estimated at 4.5 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, The dairy farmers of Washington are working hard to provide safe, nutritious dairy products for the families of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Dairy Ambassadors for 2003-2004 are Ambassador Amy Jemelka from Centralia and Alternate Ambassadors Lisa Boon from Mount Vernon and Josie Hansen from Stanwood, Washington; and

WHEREAS, State Dairy Ambassador Amy Jemelka will address the Washington State Senate on February 16, 2004, in the Senate Chambers; and

WHEREAS, Dairy Day at the Legislature will be February 18, 2004, when the legislators will visit with the dairy producers of the state and enjoy the 2,500 ice cream bars that will be handed out by the Washington State Dairy Federation and the State and County Dairy Princesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate acknowledge and honor the women and men whose work on dairy farms throughout Washington has contributed much to the strength and vitality of our economy, the character of our communities, and the general well-being of our citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Washington State Dairy Ambassador Amy Jemelka, Alternate Ambassadors Lisa Boon and Josie Hansen, and the Washington Dairy Products Commission.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8706,
adopted by the Senate
February 16, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate