

SENATE RESOLUTION
8614

By Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Doumit, Prentice, Hewitt, Parlette, Brandland, Rockefeller, Haugen, Benson, Shin, Franklin, Johnson, Spanel, Schmidt, Roach and Fraser

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

WHEREAS, There are approximately 570 family dairy farms in Washington State with approximately 240,000 dairy cows; and

WHEREAS, The average herd size in Washington State is approximately 420 cows, each cow produces approximately 90 glasses of milk per day - totaling an average of 37,800 glasses per herd, per day; and

WHEREAS, Washington State ranks 10th in total milk production in the United States with 5.6 billion pounds annually; and

WHEREAS, Washington State ranks first in milk and butterfat per cow production with 22,780 pounds of milk and 834 pounds of butterfat; and

WHEREAS, Dairy farming brings an estimated \$4.5 billion annually to Washington's economy; and

WHEREAS, Milk processing jobs help employment growth in Washington - every \$1 million in finished milk product is responsible for 20 jobs in our state; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Dairy Ambassadors for 2004-2005 are Ambassador McKenzie Klein from Lynden and alternate Ambassadors Kristen Irving from Fall City and Laura Nelson from Chehalis; and

WHEREAS, Dairy Day at the Legislature will be February 2, 2005, 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 Ambassadors;

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 McKenzie Klein, alternate ambassadors Kristen Irving and Laura Nelson, and the Washington State Dairy Federation.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8614,
adopted by the Senate
February 2, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate