

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8714

By Senators Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Hatfield, Schoesler, Morton, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Swecker, Honeyford, Spanel, Holmquist, Haugen, Sheldon, Fairley, McAuliffe, and Roach

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 485 family dairy farms in Washington state with approximately 235,000 dairy cows; and

WHEREAS, Washington state ranks tenth in total milk production in the United States with 5.6 billion pounds annually; and

WHEREAS, Washington ranks second in milk production per cow with 23,055 pounds of milk; and

WHEREAS, Milk is the second highest dollar-valued agricultural commodity produced in Washington, valued at 688 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Dairy farming has an annual economic impact of 3.5 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Milk processing jobs help employment growth in Washington. Every 1 million dollars in finished milk product is responsible for twenty jobs in our state; and

WHEREAS, Washington state dairy farmers lost more than 700 animals during the December 2007 storm worth millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Dairy Ambassadors for 2007-2008 are Ambassador Kalin Fohn of Mount Vernon and alternate Ambassadors Whitney Chamberlain, representing Grant/Adams Counties, and Tasha Daniel of Yakima Valley; and

WHEREAS, Dairy Day at the Legislature is January 30, 2008, when the legislators will visit with the dairy producers of the state and enjoy 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 Kalin Fohn, alternate Ambassadors Whitney Chamberlain and Tasha Daniel, 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 8714,  
adopted by the Senate  
January 30, 2008

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate