

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4658, by Representatives Driscoll, Seaquist, Ormsby, Pettigrew, Sullivan, Haler, Finn, Kenney, Liias, Angel, Campbell, Morrell, Maxwell, and Warnick

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the Washington State House of Representatives to honor the vital services provided by trade associations who together with individual association members have uniquely shaped and developed the full agricultural productivity in the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, Far West Agribusiness Association is celebrating its golden 50 year anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Far West's regional footprint spans the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Nevada, maintaining its primary office in Spokane, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Far West is made up of over 150 agriculture businesses that provide products and services to farmers in all crop areas and commodities employing approximately 2,400 people in the region; and

WHEREAS, Far West provides industry knowledge and training to its members and to the public that protects and ensures a vital, abundant, safe, and affordable food supply, while making a meaningful and steadfast contribution to the economy of Washington State and others; and

WHEREAS, Far West provides in-house specialized training to its members in the safe handling of fertilizer and pesticide products, protecting its members' employees and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, Far West educates legislators at both the state and federal levels when requested on matters of general and specific interest; and

WHEREAS, Far West acts as a liaison among various organizations, helping to develop a consensus enabling agriculture to speak with one voice when possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hereby acknowledge and honor Far West Agribusiness Association of Spokane, Washington, in celebration of its 50th year in operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Far West members through its executive director, Jim Fitzgerald.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4658 adopted by the House of Representatives  
January 29, 2010

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk