

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8619

By Senators Becker, Holmquist, Hatfield, Ranker, Brandland, Delvin, Stevens, Swecker, Honeyford, Morton, McCaslin, Parlette, Hewitt, Schoesler, King, Carrell, Benton, Pflug, Kastama, Kilmer, Rockefeller, Jacobsen, Franklin, Haugen, Roach, and Fraser

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the Washington State Senate to honor the great entrepreneurs and family businesses that have uniquely shaped the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, Wilcox Farms is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Judson and Elizabeth Wilcox started Wilcox Farms in 1909 on a 240-acre farm in Roy, Washington; and

WHEREAS, In 1931, Judson's son Truman decided to stay on the farm and joined into a partnership; and

WHEREAS, Wilcox Farms entered the dairy business in 1961, when Truman's son Jim returned from the University of Puget Sound, and son Barrie joined the farm four years later; and

WHEREAS, The farm began processing and packaging its own eggs in 1969; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, the farm began marketing their own products; and

WHEREAS, The feed mill was later built in 1975, making the farm self-sufficient in feed manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, The farm has grown to 1,600 acres at the original Roy, Washington location; and

WHEREAS, The Roy location is home to over 800,000 laying hens, several hundred thousand pullets, a shell egg processing plant, and a liquid egg processing plant; and

WHEREAS, The feed division handles approximately 90 train cars per year, and Wilcox products are distributed in Wilcox trucks from the California border to the North Slope of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Wilcox Farms has won numerous awards for its commitment to environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Wilcox Farms remains family owned and operated, with Andy, Brent, and Chris Wilcox still involved in the day-to-day management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate does hereby acknowledge and honor Wilcox Farms in celebration of its 100th year in operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Wilcox Family Farm.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8619,  
adopted by the Senate  
February 18, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate