

SENATE RESOLUTION
8692

By Senator Honeyford

WHEREAS, In April 1879 the town of Bickleton was founded when the travel-weary leader of a group of pioneers preparing to camp for the night stated, "I'm not going any farther now"; and

WHEREAS, Bickleton, the central town of Eastern Klickitat County, was first inhabited by Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Charles Nathaniel Bickle, for whom the town was named, and the David Ransler family were the first white settlers; and

WHEREAS, The town is known as "The Bluebird Capital of the Pacific Northwest" and has surrounded itself with one of the finest wheat growing regions in our state; and

WHEREAS, The town of Cleveland lies four miles west of Bickleton and was founded in 1880-1881, when S. Lowenberg, a Goldendale merchant, established a branch store on the site of the present town on a homestead held by Ripley Dodge who soon opened a hotel and on whose land was built a blacksmith shop, and wheat-growing and stock raising soon became the main industries; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland's rodeo grounds are the location of the 100 year-old Bickleton Pioneer Picnic and Rodeo to be held again this year on June 11, 12, and 13, to include a rodeo on Saturday and Sunday, cowboy breakfasts, a Saturday night dance, and a 1905 restored Herschell-Spillman carousel, only one of three of its type still in operation; and

WHEREAS, The Herschell-Spillman carousel's horses are on display the rest of the year in Bickleton's Carousel Museum and brought out for this one weekend to be enjoyed by young and old alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and congratulate the towns of Bickleton and Cleveland on the 100th Anniversary of the Bickleton Pioneer Picnic and Rodeo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this 100-Year Anniversary Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to The Alder Creek Pioneer Association and to Lou Marzeles, News Editor of The Goldendale Sentinel.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8692,
adopted by the Senate
February 25, 2010

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate