

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Parlette, Honeyford, Holmquist Newbry, Harper, Fraser, Kastama, Conway, Frockt, Carrell, Padden, and Delvin

WHEREAS, Washington's apple industry is a major contributor to the economic health of both the state and its people; and

WHEREAS, The City of Wenatchee is preparing to celebrate the 93rd annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from April 27 through May 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival, which began as a one-day gathering of poetry and song in Wenatchee's Memorial Park, is one of the oldest major festivals in the state, first celebrated in 1919 when Mrs. E. Wagner organized the first Blossom Day; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival celebrates the importance of the apple industry in the Wenatchee Valley and its environs; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival recognizes three young women who by their superior and distinctive efforts have exemplified the spirit and meaning of the Apple Blossom Festival; and

WHEREAS, These three young women are selected to reign over the Apple Blossom Festival and serve as ambassadors to the outlying communities as Princesses and Queen; and

WHEREAS, Devyn Huylar has been selected to represent her community as a 2012 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her solicitous, compassionate, and optimistic nature, her selfless commitment to helping others and her community, including taking part in organizing fundraisers for local soldiers with disabilities, and her exhilaration and ingenuity as demonstrated through being a senior leader on her cheerleading squad at Eastmont High School and an assistant instructor at the Academy of Dance and Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, Hayley Brown has been selected to represent her community as a 2012 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her humor, determination, and vivacious outlook on life, her strong academic performance and passion to succeed, including being a student in Wenatchee High School's Sports Medicine program, a member of the Varsity Golf Team, and being the team captain for Relay for Life, and her passion and earnest love for her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Allen has been selected to represent her community as the 2012 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her insightful, committed, aspiring, and loyal character, her strong academic performance, extracurricular activities, and appetite for adventure, including being a ski instructor at Mission Ridge, a member of Youth United and Vice President of Key Club at Wenatchee High School, and her compassionate and heartfelt love for her family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, These three young women all desire to share their proven talents and leadership ambition to serve their community and be an encouragement to those they encounter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple Blossom Festival Court and join the City of Wenatchee and the people of the State of Washington in celebrating the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Queen Samantha Allen, Princess Devyn Huylar, Princess Hayley Brown, and the Board of Directors and Chairs of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival.