

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Parlette, Rivers, Bailey, Roach, Dandel, Braun, Tom, Brown, McAuliffe, Conway, Chase, Hatfield, Pedersen, McCoy, Fraser, Cleveland, Lias, Hewitt, Padden, Holmquist Newbry, Fain, Dammeier, King, Honeyford, Darneille, O'Ban, Sheldon, Becker, Keiser, Mullet, Kline, and Hasegawa

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 95th annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from April 24th through May 4th, 2014; 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 and Princesses and Queen; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Dahl has been selected to represent her community as a 2014 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her strong academic performance and extracurricular activities, including being a member of the National Honor Society and the Earth Club, a photographer for the yearbook, Vice President of the Math Club, and a player on the varsity girls' soccer team, and her everlasting commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Nikara Morgan has been selected to represent her community as a 2014 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her community service, including the project she started called The Star Reader Program, being a part of the Big Brother, Big Sister program, her extracurricular activities including the business manager for her school's newspaper, the Vice President of DECA, an active member in the drama club musicals, and her longstanding support of the community she has always lived in; and

WHEREAS, Roslyn Thompson has been selected to represent her community as the 2014 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her achievements as co-president of the Big Brother-Big Sister mentorship program, involvement in DECA and the Welcome Aboard Committee, volunteering for the Special Olympics, her passion as a singer and songwriter, volunteering at her church, and her love for the people of Wenatchee Valley; 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 Roslyn Thompson, Princess Caroline Dahl, Princess Nikara Morgan, and the Board of Directors and Chairpeople of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival.