

SENATE RESOLUTION

8675

By Senators O'Ban, Angel, Dammeier, Roach, Darneille, Conway, and Fraser

1 WHEREAS, The United States Open Championship, or U.S. Open, in
2 men's golf celebrates its 120th year in 2015, starting from humble
3 beginnings in Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington will host the 2015 U.S. Open men's golf
5 championship in June at Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Washington will benefit from this historic event, which
8 will promote tourism and raise the public profile of our region; and

9 WHEREAS, Professional sport provides an opportunity for people of
10 all walks of life to join in good sportsmanship, camaraderie, and
11 enjoyment; and

12 WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of visitors are expected to attend
13 this year's U.S. Open, boosting economic activity and attracting
14 global attention to Chambers Bay Golf Course and its surrounding
15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, An estimated \$140 million in economic activity will
17 result from hosting the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay Golf Course,
18 through increased tourism, retail, transportation, lodging and
19 dining, and construction; and

20 WHEREAS, Washington's state and local governments have worked
21 together to improve nearby parks and recreation activities to welcome
22 guests from around the world for the first-ever U.S. Open men's golf
23 championship in the Pacific Northwest;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
2 Senate recognize the significant economic and cultural
3 contributions of the U.S. Open golf tournament to Pierce County
4 and the entire state of Washington, and recognize how this
5 historic first for the region will promote interest in hosting
6 significant events in our region, such as a future U.S. Open, by
7 demonstrating the hospitality, natural wonder, and recreational
8 opportunities Washington has to offer; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the citizens, officials,
10 businesses, and community partners involved in the tournament
11 are commended for their hard work on behalf of the region and
12 the State, for without their diligence, the U.S. Open tournament
13 would not have been possible.

14 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
15 do hereby certify that this is a true and
16 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8675,
17 adopted by the Senate
18 May 27, 2015

19 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
20 Secretary of the Senate