

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4640, by Representatives Stambaugh, Kilduff, Kraft, McDonald, Ryu, Smith, Steele, Klippert, Barkis, Dent, Nealey, and Muri

1 WHEREAS, The annual Daffodil Festival is a cherished tradition  
2 for the people of Pierce County and the Northwest; and

3 WHEREAS, 2017 marks the 84th annual Daffodil Festival, and the  
4 theme of this year's festival is "Fun in the Sun"; and

5 WHEREAS, The mission of the Daffodil Festival is to focus  
6 national and regional attention on our local area as a place to live  
7 and visit, to give citizens of Pierce County a civic endeavor where a  
8 "Daffodil Paradise" comes alive, to foster civic pride, to give young  
9 people and organizations of the local area an opportunity to display  
10 their talents and abilities, to give voice to citizens' enthusiasm  
11 through parades, pageantry, and events, and to stimulate the economy  
12 through expenditures by and for the Festival and by visitors  
13 attracted during Festival Week; and

14 WHEREAS, The Festival began in 1926 as a modest garden party in  
15 Sumner and grew steadily each year until 1934, when flowers, which  
16 previously had been largely discarded in favor of daffodil bulbs,  
17 were used to decorate cars and bicycles for a short parade through  
18 Tacoma; and

19 WHEREAS, The Festival's 2017 events include the 84th Annual Grand  
20 Floral Street Parade on April 8, 2017—winding its way from downtown  
21 Tacoma through the communities of Puyallup, Sumner, and Orting, and  
22 consisting of approximately 150 entries, including bands, marching  
23 and mounted units, and floats that are decorated with fresh-cut

1 Daffodils numbering in the thousands—and will culminate with the  
2 Marine parade on April 23, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, This year's Festival royalty includes Naravie Phaisan,  
4 Lincoln High School; Mabel Thompson, Spanaway Lake High School; Vilma  
5 Alvarado Garcia, Clover Park High School; Jalin Whitemarsh,  
6 Washington High School; Serena Bolden, Graham-Kapowsin High School;  
7 Thipsuda Srinakrung, Henry Foss High School; Meghan LaLiberte, Rogers  
8 High School; Jane McDonald, Emerald Ridge High School; Macy Nuber,  
9 Puyallup High School; Brianna Bryant, Bethel High School; Haley  
10 Leeper, Curtis High School; Bridget Gray, Stadium High School;  
11 Leilani Espino, Mount Tahoma High School; Amanda Fisher, Franklin  
12 Pierce High School; Courtney Gelmini, White River High School;  
13 Christine Lew, Lakes High School; Sarah Litzenberger, Eatonville High  
14 School; Marin Sasaki, Orting High School; Kate Meinecke, Fife High  
15 School; Elizabeth Larios, Sumner High School; Heather Haugen, Bonney  
16 Lake High School; and Tallia Campbell, Chief Leschi High School;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
18 recognize and honor the many contributions made to our state by the  
19 Daffodil Festival and its organizers for the past eighty-four years;  
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
22 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
23 Representatives to the 2017 Daffodil Festival Officers and to the  
24 members of the 2017 Daffodil Festival Royalty.

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26 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
27 Resolution 4640 adopted by the House of Representatives  
28 April 10, 2017  
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk