

SENATE RESOLUTION

8712

By Senator Hawkins

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

3 WHEREAS, The Wenatchee Valley is preparing to celebrate the 99th
4 annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from
5 April 26th through May 6th; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, These three young women were selected to reign over the
16 Apple Blossom Festival and serve as ambassadors to the outlying
17 communities as princesses and queen; and

18 WHEREAS, Sophie Castillo has been selected to represent her
19 community as a 2018 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her strong
20 academic performance and extracurricular activities, including being
21 an international top twenty finalist in marketing communications with
22 DECA, a varsity golfer, a tutor at a local elementary school, and a
23 Key Club member who participates in model United Nations, mock trial

1 and FBLA, and the local TedDriven fund-raiser for cancer
2 research and for her dedication to the community where she has
3 always lived; and

4 WHEREAS, Jessica Murray has been selected to represent her
5 community as a 2018 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her
6 community service, including being high school activities
7 coordinator and co-president of Random Acts of Kindness, her
8 extracurricular activities, including volunteering at a local
9 humane society, leading freshman Ignite Orientation groups, and
10 being a Math is Cool instructor, and her lasting commitment to a
11 community that has given her so much; and

12 WHEREAS, Gretta Wiersma has been selected to represent her
13 community as the 2018 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her
14 accomplishments as senior class president, serving as sports
15 editor for her school's newspaper, participating in varsity
16 soccer and track her entire high school career, her involvement
17 with Young Life, Honor Society, and Random Acts of Kindness, and
18 her passion and love for the people of the Wenatchee Valley; and

19 WHEREAS, These three young women desire to share their
20 proven talents and leadership ambition to serve their community
21 and encourage those they encounter;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
23 Senate honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple
24 Blossom Festival Court and join the Wenatchee Valley and the
25 people of the state of Washington in celebrating the Washington
26 State Apple Blossom Festival; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
28 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Queen
29 Gretta Wiersma, Princess Sophie Castillo, Princess Jessica
30 Murray, and the board of directors and chairs of the Washington
31 State Apple Blossom Festival.

32 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
33 do hereby certify that this is a true and
34 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8712,
35 adopted by the Senate
36 February 20, 2018

- 1 BRAD HENDRICKSON
- 2 Secretary of the Senate