

SENATE RESOLUTION

8679

By Senators Honeyford, Warnick, Schoesler, Wagoner, Zeiger, Wilson, L., Brown, Van De Wege, Muzzall, Holy, Becker, King, Short, O'Ban, Rivers, Hawkins, Conway, and Wellman

1 WHEREAS, Even before statehood, farmers played an important role
2 in the Oregon Territory providing the food and fiber early residents
3 relied upon; and

4 WHEREAS, Today the state's 37,500 farms together make up the
5 second largest business sector, with more than ninety percent of
6 these farms being family-owned; and

7 WHEREAS, Washington agriculture represents thirteen percent of
8 the Washington economy, amounting to fifty-one billion dollars in
9 revenue and 164,400 jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, The Washington Farm Bureau was formed in 1920, one year
11 after the creation of the American Farm Bureau Federation, to ensure
12 that rural citizens enjoyed the same benefits as those living in the
13 cities, including rural electrification and telephone access; and

14 WHEREAS, The first county Farm Bureaus in Washington were
15 established in Columbia, Kittitas, Skagit, Spokane, Yakima, and Walla
16 Walla counties; and

17 WHEREAS, Today the Washington Farm Bureau has over 46,000 member
18 families and consists of twenty-five county Farm Bureau organizations
19 representing the interests of farmers at the local, state, and
20 national level; and

21 WHEREAS, The Washington Farm Bureau is the largest all-
22 encompassing agricultural organization in the state, and is commonly
23 referred to as the "Voice of Washington Agriculture"; and

1 WHEREAS, 2020 is the Centennial Year for the Washington Farm
2 Bureau;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize
4 the Washington Farm Bureau's centennial year and the work it
5 does on behalf of the state's farmers and ranchers; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
7 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to John
8 Stuhlmiller, Washington Farm Bureau Chief Executive Officer, and
9 Mike LaPlant, President of Washington Farm Bureau.

10 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
11 do hereby certify that this is a true and
12 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8679,
13 adopted by the Senate
14 February 26, 2020

15 BRAD HENDRICKSON
16 Secretary of the Senate