

SENATE RESOLUTION

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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 101st
4 annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from
5 April 23rd to May 3rd; and

6 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival, which began as a one day
7 gathering of songs and speeches in Wenatchee's Memorial park, is the
8 oldest major festival in the state, first celebrated in 1919 when
9 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

12 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival recognizes three young women
13 who by their superior and distinctive efforts have exemplified the
14 noble 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, Kaia St. John has been selected to represent her
19 community as a 2020 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her many
20 academic achievements and dedication to extracurricular activities,
21 including being part of her High School's ASB for three consecutive
22 years as Senate Member, Student Body Secretary, and Senior Class
23 President; she was involved in the school newspaper, Horticulture and

1 Honors Society, and she has one year of work experience as a tutor
2 and mentor at a middle school after school program while also working
3 on obtaining her High School Diploma and her Associates degree from
4 Wenatchee Valley College; all of which illustrate her kindness,
5 optimism, and love for her community; and

6 WHEREAS, Kelly Norland has been selected to represent her
7 community as a 2020 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her strong
8 leadership skills and dedication to be an exemplary role model to her
9 community, she is the ASB President of her high school, has been a
10 leader in the Random Acts of Kindness Club since middle school, is
11 involved in Honor Society, is currently working on her fourth varsity
12 letter in Community Service, founded an annual Duathlon to raise
13 money for a local beneficiary, is involved in Young Life as a music
14 leader and a volunteer at a month long camp, is a second year Running
15 Start student involved in American Sign Language Club, and is an
16 award winning poet at Wenatchee Valley College, all of which show her
17 dedication to the community she loves; and

18 WHEREAS, Tess Sparks has been selected to represent her community
19 as the 2020 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her leadership,
20 volunteer work, and drive to succeed in all that she does, including
21 being the President of her high school's National Honor Society, and
22 being captain of her soccer team her senior year, helping her team
23 win the District Championship title for the first time in her high
24 school's history; she volunteers in the Wenatchee Valley as a member
25 of the Key Club, is a Link Crew Member Leader where she helps
26 students transition from Junior High to High School, and in her free
27 time she enjoys hiking and taking pictures of the beautiful Wenatchee
28 Valley; and

29 WHEREAS, These three young women desire to share their proven
30 talents and leadership to serve their community and honor the 101st
31 Anniversary of the Apple Blossom Festival;

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
33 honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple Blossom Royal
34 Court and join the Wenatchee Valley and the people of the State of
35 Washington in celebrating the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival
36 and honoring the positive impact it has had on the state of
37 Washington for 101 years; and

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Queen Tess

1 Sparks, Princess Kaia St. John, Princess Kelly Norland, and the board
2 of directors of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival.

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