

SENATE RESOLUTION

8685

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
2 tutor and mentor at a middle school after school program while
3 also working on obtaining her High School Diploma and her
4 Associates degree from Wenatchee Valley College; all of which
5 illustrate her kindness, optimism, and love for her community;
6 and

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

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

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
36 Senate honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple
37 Blossom Royal Court and join the Wenatchee Valley and the people
38 of the State of Washington in celebrating the Washington State

1 Apple Blossom Festival and honoring the positive impact it has
2 had on the state of Washington for 101 years; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
4 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Queen
5 Tess Sparks, Princess Kaia St. John, Princess Kelly Norland, and
6 the board of directors of the Washington State Apple Blossom
7 Festival.

8 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
9 do hereby certify that this is a true and
10 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8685,
11 adopted by the Senate
12 February 24, 2020

13 BRAD HENDRICKSON
14 Secretary of the Senate