

SENATE RESOLUTION

8627

By Senators Dhingra, Conway, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Lovelett, Nobles, Robinson, Shewmake, Trudeau, Valdez, Wagoner, and C. Wilson

1 WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Washington take pride in  
2 recognizing Friday, March 24, 2023, as a day to honor the success of  
3 cricket in our state; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington State has a large cricket community that  
5 exemplifies the rich diversity of our country and state including the  
6 fast-growing immigrant communities that represent cricket-loving  
7 nations; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington State is home to the Seattle Thunderbolts,  
9 the 2022 National Champions of the Toyota Minor League Cricket (MILC)  
10 Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, We celebrate the Thunderbolt's accomplishments and  
12 applaud the players and coaches for their contributions in competing  
13 and succeeding in the only nationwide cricket competition; and

14 WHEREAS, King County and the greater Puget Sound region has over  
15 5,000 men and women cricketers playing in both adult leagues and  
16 recreational leagues; and

17 WHEREAS, Youth cricket programs, such as the Seattle Youth  
18 Cricket League, total more than 500 children in order to provide more  
19 opportunities for participation in cricket; and

20 WHEREAS, The sport of cricket is one of the most popular, well-  
21 established team sports in the world that is enjoyed by billions  
22 across the globe; and an estimated 24,000,000 people in the United  
23 States play or watch cricket every year; and

1           WHEREAS, Cricket is a symbol for the union of people with  
2 different passions, backgrounds, and stories to collectively  
3 come together and build meaningful relationships and trust both  
4 on and off the field; and

5           WHEREAS, The Senate is excited to welcome the Pacific  
6 Northwest's newest professional sports team: The Seattle Orcas;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, The Seattle Orcas is a tribute to Washington's  
9 vibrant cricket community as we are now one of just six major  
10 league cricket teams in the United States that will play in this  
11 year's inaugural season;

12           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
13 Senate is a welcoming space for cricketers, and we honor the  
14 successes of our teams.

15 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
16 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
17 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8627,  
18 adopted by the Senate  
19 March 24, 2023

20 SARAH BANNISTER  
21 Secretary of the Senate