

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Becker, Hewitt, Brown, Ranker, Benton, Warnick, and  
Dammeier

1 WHEREAS, Families across Washington depend on the safe and  
2 nutritious dairy products provided by the dairy farmers of Washington  
3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, There are approximately 437 family dairy farms in  
5 Washington state with approximately 273,000 dairy cows; and

6 WHEREAS, Washington state ranks ninth in total milk production in  
7 the United States, producing 6,584 million pounds annually; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington ranks sixth in milk production per cow at  
9 24,117 pounds of milk per year; and

10 WHEREAS, Milk is the second highest dollar-valued agricultural  
11 commodity produced in Washington, valued at 1.28 billion dollars; and

12 WHEREAS, Dairy farming has an annual economic impact of 5.2  
13 billion dollars; and

14 WHEREAS, There are over 6,184 on-farm dairy jobs in 39 counties  
15 across Washington, and over 18,066 jobs in the dairy industry in  
16 total; and

17 WHEREAS, The Washington State Dairy ambassadors for 2015-2016 are  
18 Ambassador Nicole Buell of Marysville and alternate ambassadors Lynda  
19 Johnson of Ethel and Amanda Howe of Lynden; and

20 WHEREAS, Dairy Day at the Legislature is January 27, 2016, when  
21 legislators will visit with the dairy producers of the state and  
22 enjoy ice cream handed out by the Washington State Dairy Federation,

1 Washington State Dairy Women, and the state and county dairy  
2 ambassadors;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
4 acknowledge and honor the women and men whose work on dairy farms  
5 throughout Washington has contributed much to the strength and  
6 vitality of our economy, the character of our communities, and the  
7 general well-being of our citizens; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
9 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Washington  
10 State Dairy Ambassador Nicole Buell, alternate ambassadors Lynda  
11 Johnson and Amanda Howe, and the Washington State Dairy Federation.

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