

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Fain, Hobbs, Takko, King, Frockt, Hill, and Litzow

1 WHEREAS, This year marks the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce's
2 90th year of service; established in 1925, this private not-for-
3 profit works to serve Auburn area businesses and the community as a
4 whole, working in partnership with over 475 local businesses,
5 coordinated by the efforts of its Board of Directors and many
6 dedicated employees and volunteers; and

7 WHEREAS, The Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce's motto states,
8 "advancing business, promoting the economy, and connecting
9 communities;" and since its commencement, the Chamber has led a
10 variety of programs that help realize the organization's mission; and

11 WHEREAS, Each month the Chamber puts out a copy of its newsletter
12 Connections, which serves as a source of information for businesses
13 and community members on the happenings of the Chamber, advice on
14 adapting to the changing business market, and announcements for
15 upcoming Chamber events; and

16 WHEREAS, The Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce maintains a presence
17 here in Olympia as a member of the South Sound Chambers of Commerce
18 Legislative Coalition, which is composed of chambers from the South
19 King County and North Pierce County region and collectively advocates
20 to the Legislature on behalf of 3,262 businesses that employ 185,977
21 workers and generate over one hundred billion dollars in revenue; and

22 WHEREAS, The Chamber's South Sound Leadership Institute takes
23 business owners from the Auburn area and provides a rigorous eight-

1 month training program in which participants are assigned group
2 projects, speaking assignments, and participate in tours of local
3 institutions; this year's participants have visited Auburn MultiCare
4 Clinic, Sound Transit, Pediatric Interim Care in Kent, and our
5 state's capitol here in Olympia; additionally, the South Sound
6 Leadership Institute helps the Chamber support the Auburn community
7 through a service-based project each year. In 2012, for example,
8 program participants organized a backpack drive for the homeless with
9 bags filled with essential items and information on local resources;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Chamber takes a proactive approach to achieving
12 their mission by developing the youth of the Auburn area, hosting a
13 High School Career Conference each March focusing on giving students
14 the skills needed to succeed as they enter the workforce, featuring
15 mock interviews, keynote speeches on leadership, basic financial
16 advice, and seminars on proper business decorum; and

17 WHEREAS, The Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce's 90-year commitment
18 to the region's economic and community success is deserving of the
19 highest praise this legislative body can offer;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and
21 honor the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce for their contributions to
22 the region's economic and community success, on the occasion of the
23 Chamber's 90th year.

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