

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Parlette, O'Ban, Bailey, Rolfes, Conway, Chase, Pedersen, and Becker

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 city of Wenatchee is preparing to celebrate the 97th
4 annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from
5 April 28th through May 8th, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival, which began as a one-day
7 gathering of poetry and song in Wenatchee's Memorial Park, is one of
8 the oldest major festivals in the state, first celebrated in 1919
9 when 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 its environs; and

12 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival recognizes three young women
13 who by their superior and distinctive efforts have exemplified the
14 spirit and meaning of the Apple Blossom Festival; and

15 WHEREAS, These three young women are 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, Emily Holmes has been selected to represent her
19 community as a 2016 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her strong
20 academic performance and extracurricular activities, including being
21 a member of the National Honor Society and a cheerleading captain, a
22 third-year American Sign Language student who participates in deaf
23 community outreach, a fund-raiser for cancer, and a singer of the

1 National Anthem at football games and the Wenatchee Wild hockey
2 games, and for her everlasting commitment to her community; and

3 WHEREAS, Sami Everhart has been selected to represent her
4 community as a 2016 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her community
5 service, including being an assistant coordinator on ASB and being
6 the president of the National Honor Society; her extracurricular
7 activities, including participating in drama club musicals, working
8 as a hostess at the Wok-About Grill, and being an active participant
9 in productions of the Music Theatre of Wenatchee; and her long-
10 standing support of the community she has always lived in; and

11 WHEREAS, Kori Martin has been selected to represent her community
12 as the 2016 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her achievements as the
13 senior class president, a marketing intern for the Town Toyota
14 Center, and the Washington State DECA State President, as well as her
15 volunteering for the Lighthouse Ministries, her passion as a softball
16 player, taking care of her dogs, and her love for the people of
17 Wenatchee Valley; and

18 WHEREAS, These three young women all desire to share their proven
19 talents and leadership ambition to serve their community and be an
20 encouragement to those they encounter;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
22 honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple Blossom
23 Festival Court and join the city of Wenatchee and the people of the
24 state of Washington in celebrating the Washington State Apple Blossom
25 Festival; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
27 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Queen Kori
28 Martin, Princess Emily Holmes, Princess Sami Everhart, and the board
29 of directors and chairpeople of the Washington State Apple Blossom
30 Festival.

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