

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8623**

By Senators Rasmussen, Honeyford, Spanel, Loveland, Gardner and Fraser

WHEREAS, Dairy farming in Washington has a proud one hundred twenty year history; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to 1400 dairy farms and 260,000 dairy cows; and

WHEREAS, Washington's dairy cows are the eighth most productive in the United States, with total annual milk production of 5.3 billion pounds in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Our state's dairy farmers contributed approximately \$730 million to the state's economy in 1997 with milk production ranked second in dollar value among all of Washington's bountiful agricultural commodities; and

WHEREAS, Citizens throughout the state today celebrate Dairy Day at the state capitol under the proud sponsorship of The Washington State Dairy Federation; and

WHEREAS, Julie Haakenson of Carnation is representing the dairy industry with distinction as the reigning Washington State Dairy Ambassador, as well as serving an eleven month internship with the Washington Dairy Products Commission; and

WHEREAS, Her alternates are Becky Smith of Custer and Amanda Miller of Spokane;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Washington State Dairy Ambassador Julie Haakenson, and to alternates Becky Smith and Amanda Miller.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8623,
adopted by the Senate February 17, 1999.

TONY M. COOK

Secretary of the Senate