

**SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8710**

By Senators Rasmussen, Spanel, Haugen, Bauer, and Gardner

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

WHEREAS, Washington is home to seven hundred and fifty dairy farms and 248,000 dairy cows; and

WHEREAS, Washington's dairy cows rank first in the United States in per-cow production; and

WHEREAS, Washington's dairy industry is ninth in total volume of production in the United States, with total annual milk production of 5.3 billion pounds in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Our state's dairy farmers contributed approximately \$730 million to the state's economy in 1998 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, Jana Visser of Lynden is representing the dairy industry with distinction as the reigning Washington State Dairy Ambassador, as well as serving a ten month internship with the Washington Dairy Products Commission; and

WHEREAS, Her alternates are Caroline Deck, formerly of Eatonville, who represented King and Pierce County Dairy Farmers as a resident of Eatonville, and Mari Annis of Burlington, who represented Skagit and Island Counties;

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 Jana Visser, alternates Caroline Deck and Mari Annis.

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8710,
adopted by the Senate February 16, 2000.*

TONY M. COOK

Secretary of the Senate