SENATE RESOLUTION 8677

By Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen and Johnson

WHEREAS, April 15-21 is National Grange Week; and

WHEREAS, Granges have played a key role in many national movements, including a Texas Grange in the 1930s recommending that school buses be painted yellow and an Indiana Grange starting the 4-H program; and

WHEREAS, the first Grange was started in 1867 by Oliver Kelley in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Grange movement has grown significantly since then, with 275,000 members and 4,000 Grange communities—existing in 37 states across America; and

WHEREAS, fifty-six thousand Grange members are found in Washington state, including one hundred in the Troutlake Grange, located in west Klickitat County; and

WHEREAS, the Troutlake Grange 210 was formed in 1908 and is celebrating its 43 Anniversary this week; and

WHEREAS, the Troutlake Grange continues to play a prominent role in the communities of Troutlake and Glenwood by offering \$6,000 in college scholarships to local students graduating from Troutlake and Glenwood high schools each year, holding an annual children's fishing derby and maintaining the Pioneer Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Troutlake Grange Hall serves as a community center, a meeting place for the Troutlake Community Council and a location for political forums; and

WHEREAS, the Troutlake Grange will hold an Open House on Thursday, April 19, 2001, to celebrate the 93 Anniversary of its founding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Senate hereby recognize and honor the Troutlake Grange on its anniversary and recognize and honor Granges across Washington and America during National Grange Week.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8677, adopted by the Senate April 18, 2001.

TONY M. COOK Secretary of the Senate