

SENATE RESOLUTION
8669

By Senators Spanel, Haugen, Stevens and Fraser

WHEREAS, Every April, the tulips are in bloom, celebrating the beginning of spring; and
WHEREAS, The beautiful Skagit Valley is the Northwest's tulip capital and the No. 1
producer of tulip bulbs in North America; and

WHEREAS, The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival kicks off the festival season in Washington;
and

WHEREAS, Nearly half a million people visited the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival last year,
participating in the joy and excitement of the event and contributing to the economy of the Skagit
Valley; and

WHEREAS, This year's 22nd annual festival will run from April 1 through 30, focusing on
the communities of Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Anacortes, La Conner, Mount Vernon, Concrete,
and Conway; and

WHEREAS, Visitors will be greeted by more than 750 acres of tulips reflecting all the
vibrant colors of the rainbow, by the fullness of life in the valley, and by its wonderful people; and

WHEREAS, This year's Tulip Festival ambassadors, Hailey Wright and Cody Patrick, will
ably and personably perform their responsibilities as representatives of this festival; and

WHEREAS, Highlights of the event include the Kiwanis Club's 17th Annual Salmon
Barbeque, the 25th Annual Tulip Pedal bike ride, the Anacortes Quilt Walk, the Downtown
Mount Vernon Street Fair, and much more;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate salute the
communities of the Skagit Valley, their Chambers of Commerce, the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival
Ambassadors, and the Tulip Festival Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the community leaders and
corporate sponsors for the success of this important event and encourage citizens from across
Washington to take the time to enjoy this spectacular display; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted
by the Secretary of the Senate to Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Executive Director Cindy Verge and
the Tulip Festival Ambassadors.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8669,
adopted by the Senate
April 5, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate