

SENATE RESOLUTION
8703

By Senator Honeyford

WHEREAS, The town of Wapato, located in the heart of Yakima Valley, was officially incorporated on September 16, 1908, and will be celebrating its centennial this year; and

WHEREAS, The name is of Yakama origin, "Wa pa too", which is an edible root of great value to Yakamas and settlers alike; and

WHEREAS, Settlers have been in the area since as early as 1885; and

WHEREAS, The city hall, police station, fire protection, and jail were established in 1909, and power came to the town in 1910; and

WHEREAS, The notice of election was published in the Wapato Independent and an election held to incorporate as a fourth-class town, with J.F. Douglass elected Mayor, Eugene Chrisler Treasurer, and A.J. Rohrer, J.H. Kline, W.N. Luby, A.C. Ness, and A.C. Barnes, Councilmembers, and with the election being certified on August 31, 1908; and

WHEREAS, The current elected officials for the city of Wapato are Mayor Jesse Farias and Councilmembers Arnulfo Valdez, Fancis Lame Bull, Refugio' Roa, Lloyd Bencoter, Tony Guzman, Frank Rodriguez, and Juan de la Torre; and

WHEREAS, The main industry of Wapato is farming and ranching; and

WHEREAS, Wapato's farming industry has given the town its diverse population that is celebrated throughout the year at different events; and

WHEREAS, The population of Wapato is four thousand five hundred; and

WHEREAS, Wapato is still renowned for its metal sculptures, fresh fruit and vegetable stands, and nearby wineries; and

WHEREAS, Wapato invites you to come celebrate their centennial throughout the year with a Sukiyaki dinner, Tamale festival, and Harvest festival;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate wish the town of Wapato a happy 100th birthday on Tuesday, September 16, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Mayor Jesse Farias.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8703,
adopted by the Senate
January 24, 2008

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate