

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4605, by Representatives Blake and Buys

1 WHEREAS, Families across Washington depend on the safe and
2 nutritious dairy products provided by the dairy farmers of Washington
3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, There are approximately 480 family dairy farms in
5 Washington state with approximately 266,000 dairy cows; and

6 WHEREAS, Washington state ranks tenth in total milk production in
7 the United States with 6,336 million pounds annually; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington ranks fifth in milk production per cow, with
9 23,820 pounds of milk per year; and

10 WHEREAS, Milk is the second highest dollar-valued agricultural
11 commodity produced in Washington, valued at 2.36 billion dollars; and

12 WHEREAS, Dairy farming has an annual economic impact of 5.2
13 billion dollars; and

14 WHEREAS, There are over 6,184 on-farm dairy jobs in 30 counties
15 across Washington, and over 12,159 jobs in the dairy industry in
16 total; and

17 WHEREAS, The Washington State Dairy Ambassadors for 2014-2015 are
18 Ambassador Janis DeJager of Everson and alternate Ambassadors Marissa
19 Apperson of Rochester and Marcy Bartelheimer of Snohomish; and

20 WHEREAS, Dairy Day at the Legislature is January 28, 2015, when
21 the legislators will visit with the dairy producers of the state and
22 enjoy ice cream that will be handed out by the Washington State Dairy
23 Federation, Washington State Dairy Women, and the state and county
24 Dairy Ambassadors;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
26 of Representatives acknowledge and honor the women and men whose work
27 on dairy farms throughout Washington has contributed much to the
28 strength and vitality of our economy, the character of our
29 communities, and the general well-being of our citizens; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
31 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
32 Representatives to Washington State Dairy Ambassador Janis DeJager,
33 alternate Ambassadors Marissa Apperson and Marcy Bartelheimer, and
34 the Washington State Dairy Federation.

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2 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
3 Resolution 4605 adopted by the House of Representatives
4 January 28, 2015
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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk