

SENATE RESOLUTION

8627

By Senators Hawkins, Billig, and Liias

1 WHEREAS, Washington's apple industry is a major contributor to
2 the economic health of both the state and its people; and

3 WHEREAS, The Wenatchee Valley is preparing to celebrate the 100th
4 annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from
5 April 25th to May 5th; and

6 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival, which began as a one day
7 gathering of songs and speeches in Wenatchee's Memorial park, is the
8 oldest major festival in the state, first celebrated in 1919 when
9 Mrs. E. Wagner organized the first Blossom Day; and

10 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival celebrates the importance of
11 the apple industry in the Wenatchee Valley; and

12 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival recognizes three young women
13 who by their superior and distinctive efforts have exemplified the
14 noble spirit and meaning of the Apple Blossom Festival; and

15 WHEREAS, These three young women were selected to reign over the
16 Apple Blossom Festival and serve as ambassadors to the outlying
17 communities as princesses and queen; and

18 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Popoff has been selected to represent her
19 community as a 2019 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her strong
20 leadership ability and dedication to being an exemplary role model to
21 younger community members, including being a Red Zone leader for the
22 student section of her high school's athletic events, editor-in-chief
23 of her school's yearbook, holding leadership positions in Natural

1 Helpers and Link Leader, and dancing competitively at both the
2 Academy of Dance and Performing Arts and Fabulous Feet Dance
3 studio for fourteen years, as well as inspiring young dancers as
4 a teacher at Fabulous Feet Dance studio, and serving as an
5 intern at RH2 Engineering for the past two summers, and for her
6 dedication to the community she loves; and

7 WHEREAS, Olivia Lancaster has been selected to represent her
8 community as a 2019 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her many
9 academic achievements and dedication to extracurricular
10 activities, including serving as the Senior Drum Major of the
11 Wenatchee Golden Apple Band where she plays three instruments,
12 acting as the treasurer of her school's Honor Society, competing
13 in cross country and track and field, working at Mission Ridge
14 Ski & Board Resort as a ski instructor in the winter, and
15 harvesting cherries in the summer, all of which illustrate her
16 genuine enthusiasm for the community she calls home; and

17 WHEREAS, Savannah Slife has been selected to represent her
18 community as the 2019 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her
19 volunteer work and drive to succeed in all that she does,
20 including playing soccer, basketball, competing in DECA,
21 volunteering in many special education programs at her high
22 school, staying involved in Young Life, working at the Worx
23 Kid's Club for 3 years, founding her own nationwide company,
24 Twisted Tomboy, when she was only 11 years old, working to
25 obtain both her high school diploma and her Associates degree
26 from Wenatchee Valley College, and her passion and love for the
27 people of the Wenatchee Valley; and

28 WHEREAS, These three young women desire to share their
29 proven talents and leadership ambition to serve their community
30 and honor the 100th Anniversary of the Apple Blossom Festival;

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
32 Senate honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple
33 Blossom Court and join the Wenatchee Valley and the people of
34 the State of Washington in celebrating the Washington State
35 Apple Blossom Festival and honoring the positive impact it has
36 had on the state of Washington for 100 years; and

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
38 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Queen

1 Savannah Slife, Princess Olivia Lancaster, Princess Elizabeth
2 Popoff, and the board of directors of the Washington State Apple
3 Blossom Festival.

4 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
5 do hereby certify that this is a true and
6 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8627,
7 adopted by the Senate
8 March 26, 2019

9 BRAD HENDRICKSON
10 Secretary of the Senate