

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
8633**

*By Senators Spanel and Haugen*

*WHEREAS, The beautiful Skagit Valley is the tulip capital of the Northwest; and*

*WHEREAS, Every April, the tulips are in bloom, celebrating the beginning of spring; and*

*WHEREAS, The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival begins the festival season in Washington State; and*

*WHEREAS, This year's eighteenth annual event will run from April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup> focusing on the communities of Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Anacortes, La Conner, Mount Vernon, Concrete and Conway; and*

*WHEREAS, this year's Tulip Festival Ambassadors will ably and personably perform their responsibilities as representatives of this festival; and*

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

*WHEREAS, This year's visitors will be greeted by more than one thousand five hundred acres of tulips reflecting all the colors of the rainbow, by the fullness of life in the valley and its wonderful people; and*

*WHEREAS, Highlights of the event include the Kiwanis Annual Salmon Barbeque, the Tulip Pedal Bike Ride, the Tulip 10k Slug Run/Walk, the Downtown Mount Vernon Street Fair, and much more;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate salute the seven communities of the Skagit Valley, their Chambers of Commerce, Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Ambassadors, and the Tulip Festival Committee for their Skagit Valley Tulip Festival; 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 State 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 Audrey Smith, Tulip Festival Executive Director, and the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Ambassadors.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,*

*do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8633, adopted by the Senate April 4, 2001.*

**TONY M. COOK**  
*Secretary of the Senate*