

SENATE RESOLUTION
8642

By Senators Snyder, Carlson and Kohl-Welles

WHEREAS, The history of the Lewis and Clark is an important part of the early history of the United States and an essential part of Washington State's early past; and

WHEREAS, The Lewis and Clark party arrived at the mouth of the Columbia River in November of 1805 and remained at Station Camp for ten days along its northern shore; and

WHEREAS, It is at this campsite that Captain William Clark wrote in his journal the following words, <This I could plainly see would be the extent of our journey by water in full view of the ocean from Point Adams to Cape Disappointment.- ; and

WHEREAS, At this exact same camp Sergeant Patrick Gass wrote in his journal, We are now at the end of our voyage which has been completely accomplished according to the intention of the expedition<-; and

WHEREAS, At this exact same campsite Private Joseph Whitehouse wrote in his journal, We are now in plain view of the Pacific Ocean & think that we are at an end of our Voyage<-; and

WHEREAS, after the party had returned to St. Louis, Captain Lewis wrote to President Thomas Jefferson describing their successful arrival at the ocean: Sir, It is with pleasure that I announce to you the safe arrival of myself and party at 12 Oclk, today at this place with our papers and baggage. In obedience to your orders we have penetrated the Continent of North America to the Pacific Ocean<-; and

WHEREAS, The historic date which Lewis and Clark considered as marking the entire Corps of Discovery's arrival at the Pacific Ocean in 1805: On the 17th of November we reached the Ocean.-

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Washington recognize that these journals and letters provides evidence that the western end of the Lewis and Clark expedition is located in Pacific County, Washington; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Washington recognize the significance of Lewis and Clark to the early history of this State; and commemorate the western terminus of the Lewis and Clark trail, one of the most important historic sites in the western United States.*

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8642,
adopted by the Senate March 23, 2001.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate